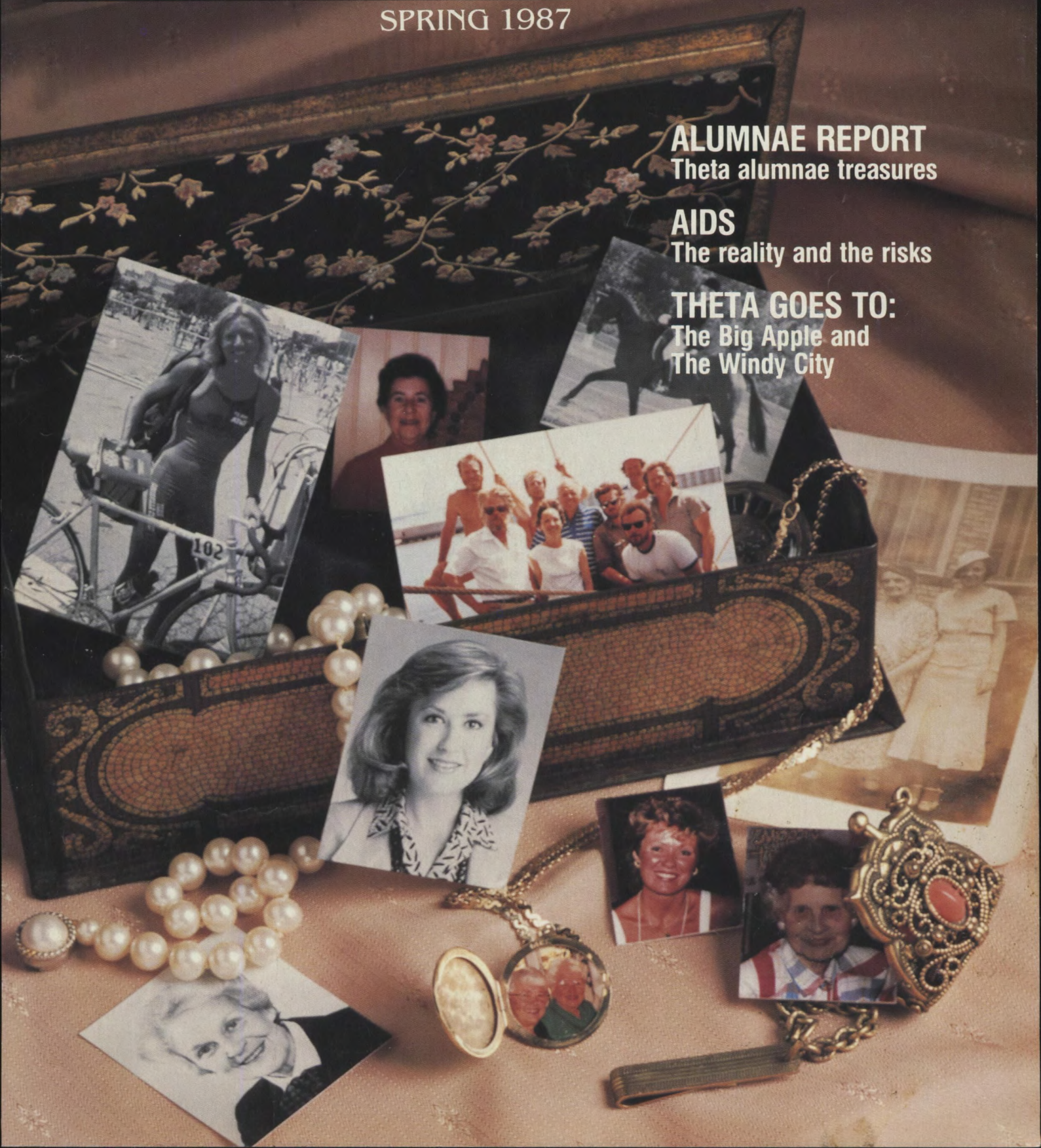


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Over the Desktop

As editor of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, I receive a great deal of mail about Thetas. Much of it is about Thetas who have recently reached an achievement or done something of special interest. These are the women who are included in the "Taking Note" section of the *Magazine*.

But much of my mail is about Thetas who perhaps haven't done anything newsworthy of late, but who are leading interesting, productive, dedicated, caring lives. Most of these women don't get a lot of publicity, but they should. And, in an effort to give some of these ordinary, extraordinary women some recognition, you'll find two special features in this issue.

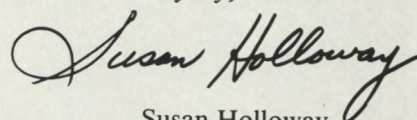
First, you'll see a special edition of the annual "Alumnae Report." Theta alumnae district presidents were asked to spread the word that the *Magazine* was looking for special alumnae, and there was quite a response. From women who have dedicated their lives to Theta, to those who have a special bonding through Theta, to women who are accomplishing exciting things in careers, hobbies or volunteer work, these women make good reading. And I know that they are just a sampling of our many fascinating Theta alumnae.

Next, in this issue, the "Taking Note" section has been expanded. The new, small features called "A Closer Look" are an opportunity to focus on Thetas or Theta activities with a bit more detail.

Unfortunately, I'm not able to include all the information about Thetas that I receive. But I'm doing my best to feature as many as possible, in an effort to give them recognition and to make interesting reading for others.

There's another feature in this issue that I sincerely hope you'll take time to read: "AIDS: the reality and the risks." It won't be an easy article to read. It's not a pleasant subject. But it is a serious issue about which all women—all people—must be aware and concerned.

Loyally,



Susan Holloway
Editor

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The general heterosexual community is increasingly at risk from the deadly AIDS epidemic. All people—women and men, heterosexual and homosexual—must be informed about AIDS and must act responsibly.

AIDS

The reality and the risks

Sonya Sherman was 32 when she was diagnosed with AIDS in 1983. Several years before, she had been engaged to a bisexual man. Unknown to either of them, he carried the AIDS virus and transmitted it to her.

Sherman became deaf, diabetic and weak from repeated bouts with pneumonia in the years following her diagnosis. In August of 1986, she died.

Sonya Sherman was not a member of the AIDS high risk groups: male homosexuals and intravenous drug abusers. She was a young woman, a member of the general heterosexual population, which finds itself increasingly at risk from the deadly epidemic that is transmitted primarily through sexual contact and the sharing of contaminated needles.

Although 90 percent of reported AIDS cases in the United States still involve gay males and intravenous drug users, experts estimate that by 1991, one of 11 AIDS cases will involve heterosexuals.

Dr. Sam Rhine, an Indianapolis, Ind. researcher in human genetics

who speaks to young people nationwide about the threat of AIDS, says, "The latest statistics indicate that in 1986, the total number of AIDS cases increased a little more than 50 percent from 1985. In that same 12-month period, the number of heterosexual cases increased more than 230 percent—four times the total increase."

And, in the heterosexual population, women appear to be particularly at risk. The virus has been found to be passed more easily from men to women, although there has been documentation of transmission of the AIDS virus from male to male, male to female, female to male and female to female. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta report that only one quarter of all heterosexually acquired cases of AIDS in the U.S. are men.

Transmitted primarily by those who are infected with the virus, but display no symptoms, AIDS is a lethal disease whose victims—women and men, heterosexual and homosexual—are determined not by who they are, but by what they do.

What is AIDS?

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is the most severe form of infection caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The disease cripples the immune system, making its victims susceptible to illnesses the body can no longer protect against.

How is AIDS transmitted?

The AIDS virus is transmitted through infected blood, semen and vaginal secretions. Although small amounts of the virus have been found in saliva and tears, no instance of transmission from these body fluids has been reported.

The virus is known to be transmitted by two means: sexual contact and contact with contaminated blood or blood products.

When the virus is transmitted sexually, semen or vaginal secretions from an infected person enter the bloodstream of another person during vaginal, rectal or oral sex. Though transmitted most readily through rectal sex, the virus can also gain access to the bloodstream

through cuts or abrasions in the vagina or mouth.

By far the most common means of transmitting the virus through contact with blood is the sharing of contaminated needles by intravenous drug users. If a needle used to inject drugs in an infected person is then used by another, the virus can be injected directly into the bloodstream. Federal estimates show that most cases of AIDS in heterosexuals can be traced to infected drug users.

The AIDS virus has been transmitted through the transfusion of blood or blood products, but because since 1984 all donated blood is screened for the AIDS virus, this might occur less than once in 100,000 transfusions. **There is no risk of infection to those who donate blood.** The virus can also be transmitted through the bloodstream of an infected pregnant woman to her unborn child.

Transmission of the AIDS virus is particularly devious because, unlike other sexually transmitted diseases, those infected with the virus may display no symptoms. According to the latest findings by the CDC, at least 1.5 million—and possibly as many as four million—people in the U.S. carry the AIDS virus and display no symptoms. All of their sexual partners are at risk.

And, to make matters worse, the virus has a long and indeterminate incubation period during which it can be carried and spread without knowledge of its carriers or their sexual partners. "Not long ago it was thought that the incubation period of the virus was about five years," says Dr. Rhine. "Now it is believed to be as long as ten years or more."

This means that a person could be at risk of contracting AIDS from anyone she, or her sexual partner, has had sex with in the last ten years.

Who gets AIDS?

Of the more than 29,000 cases of AIDS in the U.S., 65 percent have been homosexual or bisexual men, 25 percent intravenous drug users, four percent heterosexuals and three percent people who received contaminated blood or blood products (one third of them are those

with hemophilia or other blood disorders). How the virus was transmitted to the remaining three percent has not been determined.

Despite the statistics, experts agree that it is important to think in terms of high risk behavior, not high risk groups. Anyone who is sexually active needs to be concerned with the threat of AIDS. But those who are especially vulnerable are those engaging in high risk behaviors, which include shooting drugs, multiple sexual partners, rectal sex, and sex with intravenous drug users, prostitutes or anyone involved in high risk behavior.

AIDS is actually very difficult to contract. "The chance of AIDS being transmitted by casual contact is virtually nonexistent although one cannot say it is zero," says Dr. Rhine. There are no known cases of AIDS being transmitted by casual contact, including shaking hands, hugging, social kissing, crying, coughing or sneezing, or from swimming pools, hot tubs, bed linens, toilets, phones or eating food prepared by someone with AIDS.

In studies of families living with AIDS victims, none have contracted the disease through casual contact. Even through sexual contact, although it is possible to contract the AIDS virus from a single exposure, most cases are believed to have resulted from repeated exposure to the virus. Yet many long-term sexual partners of AIDS victims show no signs of infection. This is just one question about AIDS and its transmission for which there is no answer. "Much about AIDS remains a mystery," says Dr. Rhine.

That uncertainty about AIDS is frightening, but what is certain about the disease is worse: AIDS is always lethal.

How does AIDS develop?

When the AIDS virus enters the circulatory system it attaches to white blood cells known as T-helper cells. These are necessary to regulate the immune system and help the body ward off bacterial, viral and fungal infections. The virus destroys the T-helper cells, making the body vulnerable to disease. "Most victims die of pneumonia or some common infection that their bodies

can no longer protect against," says Dr. Rhine.

Once infected with the virus, the immune system takes about five to six weeks to make the antibody for which individuals may be tested. (This time lapse between the introduction of the virus into the system and the formation of the antibody accounts for the minute chance that the antibody would not be found in the blood screening process.)

The only certain way to determine the presence of the AIDS virus is through a blood test. The normal procedure is a blood test that looks for the antibody to the virus. It costs about \$3. If the test is positive for the antibody, follow-up testing is done to look for the virus itself.

For those infected with the AIDS virus, there are three possibilities.

According to Dr. Rhine, "About half will not develop AIDS, but will carry the virus and can transmit it to someone else." Some will develop AIDS Related Complex (ARC), but will not progress to AIDS, and will survive. From 30 to 50 percent will develop AIDS. (All who develop AIDS first go through ARC.) Those infected with the virus can have symptoms ranging from none to mild to severe, but symptoms of full-blown AIDS are more obvious. They include a persistent cough, fever and difficulty breathing. Those who develop Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer associated with AIDS, may develop multiple purplish blotches and bumps on the skin.

Although all AIDS victims eventually die, life expectancies vary widely. "It can range from two months to years, depending on what the individual's immune system can withstand," says Dr. Rhine.

And although a drug called AZT does appear to be slowing down the progression of AIDS in its victims, it is not curing them. Says Dr. Rhine, "There has been some preliminary good results with vaccines, but a minimum of four to five years of work is needed." Should an effective vaccine be found at that time, it will still be too late for those who have already contracted the virus.

continued

AIDS has reached worldwide and, just in the U.S., has taken thousands of lives, including those of 1370 heterosexuals. In October, 1986, the U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issued a report on AIDS that called for education and the exercising of appropriate preventative measures. What has been the reaction to the threat of AIDS and the call for preventative measures in the U.S.?

What has been the reaction to AIDS?

In the homosexual community, where AIDS hit first and continues to hit hardest, there have been documented changes in lifestyles.

Through education and the call for fewer sexual partners, plus the promotion of safe sex (primarily through the use of condoms), the gay population has worked responsibly against AIDS. The statistics show that it has worked: Condom sales increased by 10 percent in 1986 (which was mostly attributed to homosexual use) and the spread of AIDS among homosexuals has slowed.

Those who engage in intravenous drug use, a high risk behavior, are expected to be slowest to react because of their addictions. Though certainly the best answer is to avoid intravenous drug use, those who cannot or will not change their behavior are urged to use only clean, previously unused needles.

Although some experts have predicted an end to the sexual revolution because of the AIDS epidemic, so far, the general heterosexual population has been slow to react. Many—who may falsely cling to the belief that the disease is only a problem for homosexuals or drug users—do not appear to be taking AIDS seriously.

Young people are of particular concern. Although fewer than 700 cases of AIDS have been reported among young adults of college age in the U.S., many may carry the virus without knowing it. The average age at which people are first exposed to the virus is expected to

shift down from age 30 to the mid-20s and late teens.

Says Dr. Rhine, "I tell the young people I speak with, 'The AIDS epidemic will probably be at its worst between now and the turn of the century. That is when you are likely to be the most sexually active in your life.' " College campus populations may be especially at risk for contracting AIDS. "For many, college is their first taste of sexual freedom and there tends to be a lot of sexual activity," says Dr. Rhine. "The more sex you have, the more at risk you are for contracting AIDS."

And, because college populations tend to be more liberal than the general population, there may be higher concentrations of gays and those willing to try out bisexuality or to experiment with intravenous drugs—all high risk behaviors.

Hundreds of colleges and universities are working to stop the spread of AIDS and to educate students about AIDS. One example, Dartmouth, has begun an aggressive and somewhat controversial program in which Safe Sex Kits, which include AIDS educational pamphlets and condoms, are made available to students at registration. Many other institutions of higher education are providing students with educational materials and counseling, are promoting safe sex and the use of condoms, and are discouraging intravenous drug abuse.

Despite these efforts, there has been little documented change in the behavior of young heterosexuals. In the September 25 issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine, Cathy Kodoma, a health educator at the University of California at Berkeley stated that she has observed that young women still find it difficult to ask men about their pasts or even to suggest practicing safe sex.

Ignorance, avoidance, myths, prejudice and hysteria—all possible responses to AIDS—will only make the epidemic worse. More awareness of the disease and more funding for research are needed. But with no cure for the lethal disease in sight, the best immediate response is education and responsible behavior by all individuals.

How to protect yourself against AIDS:

- Abstain from sex or limit your number of sexual partners.
- Know who your sexual partner is and about his past.
- Avoid sexual contact with those who practice high risk behavior: bisexuals, intravenous drug users and prostitutes.
- Practice safe sex: use condoms.
- Avoid all sexual activities that could cause cuts or tears in the linings of the rectum, vagina or penis.
- Avoid intravenous drug use.
- Keep informed. Much about AIDS is not yet known or understood. Protect yourself by knowing the latest facts.

For more information about AIDS:

- The Public Health Service AIDS hotline: (800) 342-AIDS [In the Atlanta area: (404) 329-1295]
- Local or State Health Department for information about where to go for confidential testing for the AIDS virus
- American Red Cross AIDS Education Office: 1730 D St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006; (202) 737-8300
- Answers About AIDS Action Council: 272 Eighth St., S.E., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20003; (202) 547-3101
- *Answers about AIDS* Mail a self-addressed business-size envelope with 66 cents postage attached to: AIDS Report, American Council on Science and Health, 47 Maple St., Summit, N.J. 07901

Message from the PRESIDENT

By the year 2000, one of every three United States citizens will be Hispanic or Asian. The Hispanic population is the fastest growing segment of our nation. Caucasians are fourth in growth rate, following Asians and blacks.

Why am I telling you this? How does it affect Kappa Alpha Theta? The most important implication is that our college chapters will exist in a much more ethnically diverse community, as the campuses reflect these demographics. Harold Hodgkinson, in a paper called "Diversity Is our Middle Name," points out that institutions in the Midwest will be much less affected than those in California, New York, Texas and Florida. But we have 23 chapters in those states alone.

Our college chapters will exist in a much more ethnically diverse community, as the campuses reflect the nation's changing demographics.

With the changing demographics of our campuses, are our chapters headed for reduced memberships and hard times? The answer, of course, is a resounding no. Our chapters reflect the campus population; for many years Kappa Alpha Theta has pledged and initiated young women without regard to race.

But we are not keeping pace with the changing face of America. We still have alumnae who are reluctant to recommend anyone other than the traditional white, Anglo-Saxon Protestant. And this is their right: The purpose of the recommendation system is to give alumnae the opportunity to highlight personal

friends and daughters of friends, not to provide a "ticket" for everyone. Our procedures allow collegians to make the final decisions regarding membership.

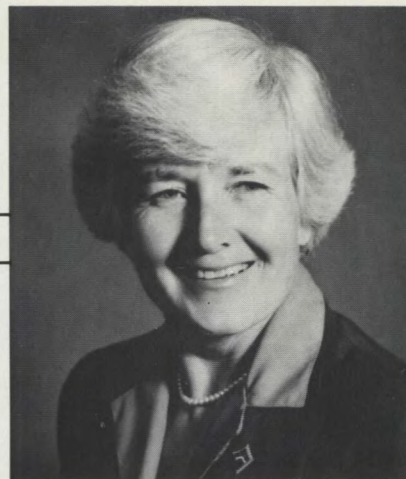
Last year, one of our chapters pledged the first black woman on a campus with traditionally "all-white" sorority membership. This year, another Theta chapter on an all-white Greek campus affiliated the first black woman. Both chapters are to be congratulated for not being afraid to take risks. And there were risks. Why? Because there were people who warned the chapters that if they pledged these women, they would not receive recommendations or pledges in the future. And some men's fraternities told the chapters they would not continue to "party" with the Thetas at these two schools.

But these are strong chapters. They are admired and respected on their campuses, and I am proud of the courage and leadership they demonstrated. These chapters are in step with Kappa Alpha Theta's history of firsts:

- First Greek-letter fraternity for women
- First two women to be initiated in Phi Beta Kappa
- First to install a Canadian chapter
- First woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate in her own right

Robert G. Bottoms, president of DePauw University, asked this question in his inaugural address: "Is DePauw reflective of the society which it seeks to represent?" He stated that it was not an issue of survival: DePauw will survive. But his question was whether DePauw could afford to be irrelevant to one-third of the country's population.

It is typical of DePauw to be concerned about the ethnic composition of its student body, even though the school is firmly planted



Grand President Sue F. Supple

in that heartland which Hodgkinson said would not be affected as much as other parts of the country. After all, it was Indiana Asbury, back in

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1867, that admitted another minority—women—when schools of equal caliber were admitting only male students. Because Indiana Asbury was willing to take a risk, Kappa Alpha Theta exists. Our tradition and history call for us to be aware of the changing times and to act accordingly.

We need to recognize and expand our concept and understanding of Theta. It is, and always has been, a support system, a sisterhood of love and friendship. As our young people grow up in this ethnically diverse world, they make friends from all races, and they believe these friends should be welcomed by everyone as sisters. Many of you would agree. However, *all* of us must come to grips with the changing face of America if Kappa Alpha Theta is to remain in the forefront of women's organizations, where I firmly believe it belongs.

Loyally,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Sue F. Supple in dark ink.

Sue F. Supple
Grand President

FYI From the FRATERNITY

Fraternity and Foundation join forces for Theta Fund raising

Today, a stronger Foundation means a stronger Kappa Alpha Theta. As some of you are already aware, Kappa Alpha Theta has recently charged the Foundation with the responsibility for all fund-raising efforts. The Loyally in Theta Fund, which so many of us have so generously supported, has been indefinitely suspended. An expanded year-round fund drive will be conducted by the Foundation.

While the Loyally in Theta Fund has provided much needed support for the Fraternity, it has been obvious for some time that appeals by both the Fraternity and the Foundation created confusion in the minds of those being asked to give. It is also apparent that resources that could be better used elsewhere were being devoted to fund raising.

The Foundation will now provide an even larger portion of the funding for the educational programs of the Fraternity. These include: the training of Fraternity officers and members; programming at Leadership Conference and Convention; and the chapter consultant program. The Foundation will, of course, maintain its philanthropic activities and scholarship programs.

We wish to thank, once again, those who gave to the Loyally in Theta Fund during its solicitations. Your Loyally in Theta Fund donations from the six campaigns will now be credited as Foundation gifts in determining Foundation levels of giving.

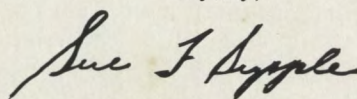
We ask now that you continue your support of Kappa Alpha Theta by contributing to the Foundation, as it increases its service to the Fraternity. If you have been a contributor to both the Loyally in Theta Fund and the Foundation, we hope

that you will maintain your fine tradition of loyalty by increasing your support of the Foundation. In becoming the sole fund-raiser of Kappa Alpha Theta, the Foundation needs your help more than ever.

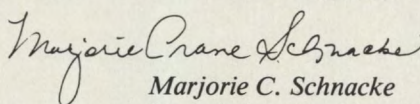
We would also like to urge those who have never been contributors to a Kappa Alpha Theta appeal to begin now to give support to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

So when you receive another letter from the Foundation this spring, know that whatever you can give is needed and appreciated. Now, more than ever, a stronger Foundation means a stronger Kappa Alpha Theta.

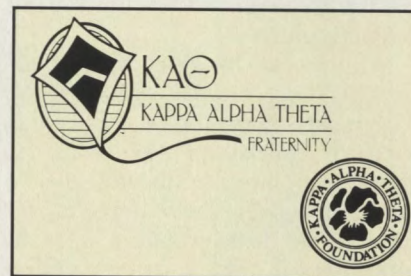
Loyally,



Sue F. Supple
Grand President



Marjorie C. Schnacke
Foundation President



Theta participates in shared consultant training

Last summer, Kappa Alpha Theta was proud to participate in an innovative chapter consultant training session. Theta chapter consultants were joined by consultants from Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha in joint training sessions designed to help them prepare for their year working with college chapters. The shared training featured three days of sessions, including "A Fielder's Survival Kit" and "Current Campus Issues and Trends."

Foundation Seeks Director

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is seeking a full-time director to work at Central Office in Indianapolis.

The challenging position offers a creative, self-motivated Theta the opportunity to plan and implement programs, oversee a \$2.5 million portfolio, supervise a staff, travel, and work with Theta nationwide.

Qualified candidates should possess excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills and have two to four years experience

in the following areas:

- Fund raising, development or marketing
- Management
- Investments

This position reports to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation Board of Trustees and includes salary, plus benefits.

Send resume with salary expectations in confidence to:

Marjorie Schnacke
1445 Westover Road
Topeka, KS 66604

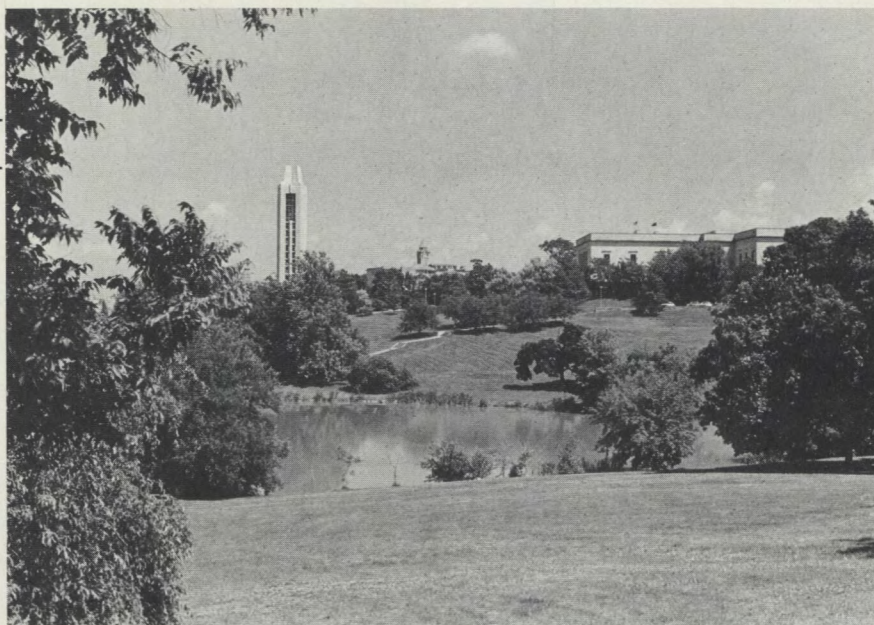
Tenth Leadership Conference focuses on Pledge Education

Pledge education is the focus of Kappa Alpha Theta's 1987 Leadership Conference, "Nobler Womanhood: A lifelong journey."

The Fraternity's tenth leadership conference will be hosted by Kappa Chapter and the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., Thursday, June 18 through Sunday, June 20.

Theta's Leadership Conference, held every two years, brings members together during non-Convention years, providing a forum to focus on specific Fraternity programs and concerns.

College chapter presidents, pledge advisers and alumnae and collegiate visitors to the 1987 Conference will attend seminars and discussions on topics relevant to the Fraternity's pledge education program, including alcohol abuse, eat-



The University of Kansas campus in Lawrence, Kan. will be the site of Theta's 1987 Leadership Conference in June.

ing disorders, Little Sister groups and AIDS. Presentations on Fraternity programming will include the Theta Connection Program, the Foundation, archives and alumnae. Conference attendees will also have the opportunity to meet informally to share concerns, experiences and Theta friendship.

Highlights of the weekend will be an academic excellence banquet, a kite fly, tours of the Kappa Chapter house and a special surprise visit.

Correction: Delta Lambda Chapter at the University of Utah was incorrectly identified as Delta Nu Chapter in a photo and accompanying copy in the Winter 1986 issue of the *Magazine*. The *Magazine* regrets the error.

KAΘ Letters

Active alumnae

I am a writer for Prison Fellowship, a Christian prison ministry founded by Charles Colson, former aide to President Nixon. Earlier this month I attended one of our teaching seminars at a women's prison in Maryland. The instructor, Jane Douglass White, was a dynamic woman who drew on her years in show biz to entertain the inmates and her years as a Christian to teach them.

What a joy to discover that we were not only sisters in Christ, but also sisters in Theta! Jane graduated from Oklahoma University

(Alpha Omicron), in 1936 and I, from William and Mary (Beta Lambda), in 1982. Theta is still attracting the same type of women: those who are actively involved in the world around them.

Sincerely,
Alice Lawson Cox
Beta Lambda

Are collegians realistic?

I love the new—much more spirited—format for the *Magazine* . . . and look forward to reading it from cover to cover.

This note is prompted by the very clever "What's In?" "What's

Out?" feature in the Autumn issue, just received. Very interesting, and I am particularly fascinated by the following:

Medicine is "In" as a career interest—but Science and Math are "Out" as a major or study!??

As the mother/mother-in-law of five physicians, believe me, they didn't get in and through medical school, residencies, etc. by studying political science and economics. Just how realistic are these young people?

Loyally,
Mary Alice Austin
Gamma Delta

Alumnae

Alumnae treasures—who are they? They are Theta alumnae who other Thetas think are special. Some are special because they've achieved great success in careers. Others are special because they excel in their commitment to volunteer work. Some handily combine family, career and volunteering. But all of these women are Thetas who lead interesting, dedicated lives, and Theta is proud to have them as alumnae treasures.

What if there were no Theta alumnae?

Suppose, just for a moment, that every collegiate member of Theta, upon leaving school, stored her black and gold badge in the bottom of a box of college mementos and put all thoughts of sorority in the most remote section of her memory. What would it be like?

Gone would be the advisory boards who guide chapter officers to smoothly run organizations. Missing would be house corporation members who oversee the physical upkeep of chapter possessions. Mothers, career women and housewives would say, "I was a Theta."

Imagine not knowing the warmth and love of sisterhood when moving to a new community, or the sisterly care when facing difficult periods in life. There would be no alumnae chapters or clubs to allow association with others who ascribe to the same high ideals and share the feeling of being a Theta.

Think of the many dollars that would not be raised for chapter needs, scholarships, Fraternity educational programs and worthwhile local charitable activities. "Lost" Thetas would remain uncounted, for no state chairmen or permanent alumnae secretaries would be on hand to mark the many moves of our mobile population. Chapter consultants would not be available to assure the perpetuation of Theta ideals. There would be no district or special officers or Grand Council members to plan and execute national meetings or to guide the Fraternity.

But, thankfully, we each say, "I am a Theta!" We have alumnae who are committed to keeping our organization alive and healthy. There are more than 17,000 affiliated alumnae members in organized chapters and clubs who share the joy and memories of being Thetas. More than 3,000 Theta alumnae willingly give up evenings, weekends—even entire weeks—during rush to assist Theta col-

lege members. Just think of the flour, sugar and eggs that have made up millions of cookies for rush parties and treats during finals!

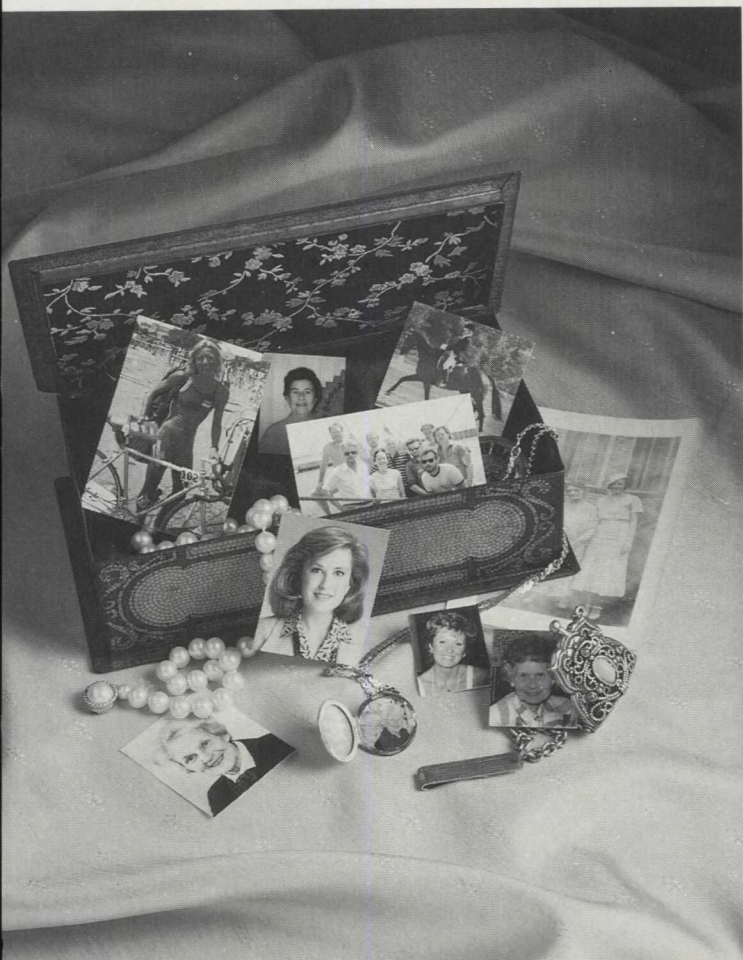
State chairmen and permanent alumnae secretaries receive printouts twice each year with names of thousands of Theta members whose addresses need to be verified and the changes sent to Central Office. District officers often spend days away from families and jobs to visit college chapters and alumnae groups, offering advice and suggestions for better operation. Each of these Thetas would probably tell you the district officer job is the most rewarding volunteer job available, even though it means juggling schedules of home and office. Regional directors and special officers devote many hours planning national meetings and training sessions to provide learning opportunities for alumnae and collegiate members. NPC delegates and alternates work for the betterment of Theta and the entire Greek system. And Grand Council is charged with perpetuating Theta ritual as well as planning and guiding the Fraternity for the future.

Through association with Theta alumnae, a wide circle of friends can be made. There is much to be learned by being actively involved. Alumnae involvement offers the opportunity to learn skills in organization and dealing with people, and helps develop self confidence. And alumnae involvement fosters the loving pride in being a member of the first Greek-letter fraternity known among women.

Aren't you glad we have Theta alumnae? I am!

Janet Paine Peters
Beta Omega
Grand Vice-President Alumnae

Treasures



Suzanne Luton Woodruff

Suzanne Luton Woodruff's involvement in Theta did not end when she graduated from Gamma Psi Chapter at Texas Christian University. In addition to her family and her career, she has devoted many years of service to Theta, serving as an alumnae district president, president of the Seattle Alumnae Chapter, rush recommendation board chairman, and philanthropy chairman for the Seattle alumnae.

Woodruff, her husband and children live in Renton, Wash., where her

daughter, Michele, is a member of Alpha Lambda Chapter at the University of Washington. Woodruff is also very involved in civic organizations, which she attributes to her involvement in Theta.

"Through Theta, I became involved in civic activities that other Thetas were actively supporting. I found dear friends among the Thetas I got to know in Seattle. It truly was a blessing to find that instant camaraderie, and to realize that the Theta ideals that meant so much to a little girl from Texas were just as meaningful to these new friends in Washington," she says.

Isabel McKenney Gates

On the Chicago North Shore, Isabel McKenney Gates is known for the dedication she has given to many causes. One recipient of her devotion is Kappa Alpha Theta.

Gates, initiated in 1927 as a member of Tau Chapter at Northwestern University, later became a member of the former Lake Forest Alumnae Club and served as rush recommendations chairman for more than 25 years. In 1983, she was honored with a luncheon given by the Club, which was attended by 42 Thetas.

"I was completely taken by surprise, but I am happy to know that I'll be remembered for the work which I loved so much that it wasn't work at all," says Gates. Although the Lake Forest Alumnae Club is no longer

active, Gates' dedication will not be forgotten; the group started a scholarship in her name—The Isabel Gates Scholarship.

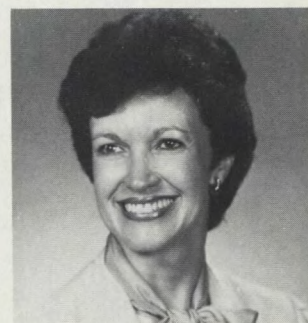
Gates' other volunteer work includes the Lake Forest Heart Fund, past president of the women's auxiliary for her husband's fraternity, Episcopal Women's Auxiliary and the Gorton Community Center.

According to Gates, Kappa Alpha Theta has been one of the most influencing factors in her life. She says, "Theta is still one of the most important influences in my life. I've worn our kite with pride all these years, and with dedication and love I have tried to repay Theta for all she has given me. Being a Theta has enriched my life with loving sisters, incentive to do for others and the work of bringing young women into Kappa Alpha Theta to keep our kite flying high for always."

Sally Smiley Kettle

Sally Smiley Kettle, Rho, has been described as a "master of organizational genius and tact." Kettle owns a marketing communications consulting firm in Bloomington, Minn., which supplies marketing services and speakers to Fortune 500 companies, as well as small businesses; civic, social, and trade organizations; colleges and universities.

After Kettle received her bachelor's degree in 1960 from the University of Nebraska, she was active in the Minneapolis Alumnae Chapter. Currently, as well as being a successful marketing consultant, she is very involved in church and hospital work and is attending seminary classes at night,



Sally Kettle

while also keeping a home for her sons.

"My friendships from Theta have usually been my closest friends and those with whom I have the most in common. As people come and go in my life, I realize these relationships will endure the miles and the years . . . thankfully," says Kettle.

ALUMNAE REPORT

Volunteering develops marketable skills

Stop! Are you about to say no to another volunteer job? Before you decide you don't have time, it's not a good time in your life, or it just isn't something that interests you, take time to examine the volunteer job description. Consider the new skills you might be developing or improving, and think how this job could enhance your marketable skills.

Everyone knows how much volunteers are needed today. With more women working, they are in greater demand than ever before. By their service, given freely, our quality of life is greatly improved.

As director of personnel for Kappa Alpha Theta, I realize the value of people's time, how much they weigh their priorities and how difficult it is to take on a new responsibility. I appreciate the difficulty in balancing family, work, parenting and all that goes into an ordinary day. But at the same time, I try to explain how volunteering may help in latching on to that next great job!

There was a time, not so long ago, when we didn't think volunteering held much credibility on a resume. We thought that no employer would consider a person who had spent her life giving services freely to others. That old-fashioned idea is gone and volunteer work is considered as work experience today. If you think because you have never been paid for a service rendered, that you have nothing to offer, you are wrong.

Think about what you have learned from a favorite volunteer position. Ask yourself how you can use that to improve your resume. Would you be improving your oral and written skills? Is your typing rusty and would this position make you sit down and use that darn machine? Do you avoid speaking in front of groups and would you find yourself doing just that with this job? Would you be using your creativity and developing some new programs that you never dreamed you could do? In this office or job, would you be working with a new group of people that you would not ordinarily have the chance to meet? Are there interpersonal skills that you have not used for a long time or that need more work? How would this position help you? These are all-important questions you need to ask yourself before saying no.

Have you noticed that the busiest people seem to get the most accomplished? Many of our professional women also maintain a high level of volunteer involvement. How can a full-time mother, professional, wife and community leader also serve on several boards, be a den mother, sing in the church choir and still have time to grow a fabulous vegetable garden? She has learned how to manage her time and be rewarded in many different ways.

The next time someone asks you to do a volunteer task, please think about it before saying no. It might be the best thing you ever did for yourself. You may be pleasantly surprised to find, even if you have never worked, that you have developed the skills for that special career you have always dreamed about.

Whatever your goal, you will be rewarded with the fulfillment that helping others brings.

Judy Ruedlinger
Alpha Upsilon
Director of Personnel



Judy Ruedlinger

Judy Albertson Ruedlinger

It was through her alumnae involvement with Kappa Alpha Theta that Judy Albertson Ruedlinger landed a job she loves.

"Theta has shown me that I can accomplish things that I never dreamed imaginable! My current job at the University of Kansas is because of Kappa Alpha Theta," says Ruedlinger.

An Alpha Upsilon alumna, Ruedlinger is employed as the Coordinator of Membership Development for the Kansas University Alumni Association in Lawrence, Kan. She is currently Theta's director of personnel and also serves as pledge adviser to Kappa Chapter. Ruedlinger has served the Fraternity as a member-at-large of Grand Council and a college district president. She has three children and enjoys aerobics, canoeing and jogging.

Ruedlinger says, "Theta has changed my life. It has developed so many skills, opened so many doors and given me many wonderful experiences and friends."

Carmen Williams Combs

Carmen Williams Combs, Beta Kappa, has led a full and adventurous life—from the halls of justice to Antarctica—and Theta has been a part of her adventure.

After receiving her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, she went on to earn her law degree from Yale and, soon after, entered a general law practice in 1927. During the next several years Combs was involved in many different areas of law and was recognized with several awards. In 1947, she was appointed by Governor Earl Warren to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Children and Youth, which proved to be one of her most interesting assignments. She also served as the state chairman of Child Welfare, and chaired many committees that published widely circulated studies dealing with problems in the child welfare and juvenile justice fields. In 1986, Combs was made a lifetime honorary member of the National League of Women Voters and was awarded a certificate of merit.

Combs and her husband manage to find time to travel a great deal. During the past few years they have explored a majority of the world, including Japan, Thailand, Burma, and China. Early last year, they also had the opportunity to explore South America and Antarctica. Combs has made traveling the subject of many of the essays she writes.

Throughout her active 83 years, Combs has always involved Theta in her life. She served as president of the Pasadena alumnae group and has attended several Conventions. She has a Theta granddaughter with whom she enjoys discussing Theta secrets.

"During a long and busy life, whenever I have been

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Diane Font Scherer

engaged in anything of social importance, I always run into other Thetas likewise engaged," says Combs. "My life, and probably theirs, was undoubtedly influenced by the value system, the sense of responsibility and the concern for others, which seems inherent in Theta philosophy and its selection of members."

Alumna Diane Scherer feels that being a member of Kappa Alpha Theta has given her an added confidence in her life.

Scherer, Pi/Albion, is presently the alumnae district president for District V. She has served as president of the Fairfield County Alumnae Chapter and as vice-president membership, corresponding secretary, and as

banquet chairman for the Epsilon Tau Installation.

Scherer's career revolves around the home, where she is the mother of two young boys. She is also a board member of PTA and teaches Sunday School.

"Theta has been a continuing source of wonderful friends and has allowed me to do things I wouldn't have thought I was capable of. The support of my sisters has helped me develop leadership



Diane Scherer, left, with Jill Kaufman, past president of Lambda Chapter

skills and given me confidence as a person," says Scherer.

Beta Iota alumna becomes a top woman triathlete

Kirsten Hanssen, Beta Iota, is one of the top women triathletes in the country.

This achievement is all the more remarkable because Hanssen, unlike most of her competitors in the grueling triathlon, is not a full-time racer. She successfully juggles training in swimming, biking and running (the three sports included in most triathlon competitions) with her job at Public Service Company of Colorado.

The 1984 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Colorado runs more than five miles three times a week during her lunch hours; rides her bike several hours each evening; and swims two to three evenings every week.

Hanssen's interest in athletics began at age nine with competitive swimming. In college she began jogging and taking aerobics in addition to riding her bike to classes. Several years later, encouraged by her showings in five- and 10-kilometer races, and the support of her friends, she entered and won three short triathlons.

A friend suggested she enter her first professional race, a Denver triathlon in July, 1985. "It was a real privilege to race against world-class runners," says Hanssen. "When I came in fifth I was overjoyed." Sadly, her joy was short-lived: Stress fractures in both legs forced her to miss the national competition for which she had just qualified.

But since that initial bit of bad luck, success has been with Hanssen. Last year, the 105-pound dynamo concentrated her energies on the Bud Light U.S. Triathlon Series (BLUSTS) races. Each race in this series includes a 1.5-kilometer swim (almost one mile), a 40-kilometer bike ride (almost 25 miles) and a 10-kilometer run (6.2 miles). These are the recognized international distances for a women's triathlon.

The highlight of the season came September 29 in Hilton Head, S.C. when Hanssen won the BLUSTS Nationals, for which she received \$4,000. This was her fourth first-place finish in the series. Hanssen remembers, "One of my neatest wins was in Denver. So many of my friends were there, yelling and cheering me on. It really meant a lot."

Something else that meant a lot to Hanssen occurred after the Denver race. Officials of AT&T came to Hanssen with an offer of corporate sponsorship. This has relieved the financial burden for her and her very supportive parents, Gary and Suzanne Hanssen of Wichita, Kan. (Hanssen's mother, the former Suzanne Schultz, is also a Beta Iota Theta.)



Top woman triathlete Kirsten Hanssen, Beta Iota

Another racing highlight of the season was Hanssen's selection as the U.S. representative in a triathlon competition in Senai, Japan. Despite the pressure of participating in three races in three weeks prior to the event, Hanssen placed a credible third.

Through all the demands of her active life, Hanssen maintains a calm serenity. "My main purpose is to glorify God, who has given me these talents and abilities," says Hanssen. "I try to put them to use as best I can and to give credit where credit is due. I never could have done it without Him."

Nancy Gupton Aitken
Beta Omega

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Alumna receives lifetime of joy from Theta

Through the generosity of a very kind and gracious New York businessman, whose granddaughter she had befriended, **Marjorie Cooper Carrico** was given the opportunity, during the height of the Depression to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Then, at the age of 17, she was invited to join Tau Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Carrico says, "It was an unbelievable, breathtaking and awesome addition to my windfall scholarship. And those four memorable years, the last three of which I lived in the chapter house, were the foundation for my love and respect for the Theta ideals and the Theta friendships made during 56 ensuing years."

One of Carrico's first exciting Theta experiences occurred during the summer of 1932 at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She was going to summer school and living in the chapter house. Carrico was delighted to discover that Bettie Locke Hamilton was spending a few days at the chapter house, resting after the Theta Convention in Estes Park. "She was a dear, charming lady," recalls Carrico. "She must have been 80 years old, or close to it. I had the privilege of taking her for a few short walks, having my picture taken with her and sharing thoughts of the day."

In 1935, when Carrico had been out of school about one year, she was flattered to be asked to be a member of Tau Chapter's house corporation board. She went on to chair the North Shore Alumnae Founders' Day Luncheon, and so her alumnae activity began.

Later that year, Carrico and her husband moved to Stevens Point, Wis., where her husband was training with an insurance company. Stevens Point was a very small community where the winter was long and they knew no one.

But one day, when the snow had melted some, Carrico saw a young mother wheeling a baby carriage with a little girl toddling along side. She said to herself, "That looks like Petey Jackson, but it can't be!" But it was the Tau member who was a senior during Carrico's freshman year. Carrico says, "That was a warm, cozy and fun-filled winter for our two families—Theta friendship shared that enriched our lives in a setting that could have otherwise been very lonely."

Carrico and her husband later moved to Detroit where she found an active and welcoming group of Thetas, and then made a number of moves in the following years. "But I'll never be able to express the fulfillment I have found in my 38-year association with the Colorado Springs alumnae group," says Carrico.

Carrico's recent alumnae involvement has included chairing the group's Founders' Day activities, helping with Beta Omega's rush parties and working on the chapter's Soup-Sup fund-raiser. In May, 1985, she volunteered to assume the duties of treasurer of the Beta Omega House Corporation Board, a position she still holds.

Today, Carrico says she is still enjoying the joys of Kappa Alpha Theta, 56 years after she was first invited to become a member.



Marjorie Carrico, above, met Bettie Locke Hamilton at the University of Colorado chapter house in 1932. The two, at right, were photographed at the Beta Iota Chapter house.



Louise Wetstein Simpson

Louise Wetstein Simpson considers herself a professional volunteer and has more than proven that through her involvement with Kappa Alpha Theta.

She has been actively involved in the Detroit and Birmingham alumnae chapters since 1949, and has given countless hours of devotion to each. Over the years, Simpson has served on and chaired approximately 17 different committees and offices and served as alumnae district president for the Fraternity. "She will always serve on the board in any capacity and is the first one asked! She willingly accepts responsibility and always follows through. She is the first to arrive and the last to leave," says Nancy Schutte,

a member of the Birmingham Alumnae Chapter.

In addition to her years of Theta activities, Simpson volunteers her time recording for Readings for the Blind and working at the Birmingham Community House. She enjoys her family, cooking, walking, reading and sewing.

Simpson feels that Theta has certainly influenced her life since college. "Theta has helped in so many ways to meet the higher and broader demands of mature life. From graduation to the present, my Theta friendships have enriched my life. My six years as ADP brought opportunities to meet and work with women I would otherwise not have met, providing friendships which have remained even after the ADP years," says Simpson.



Louise Simpson, center, with several members of the Birmingham, Mich. alumnae on Founders' Day

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Judith Soto, Mu, is an active member of the Fairfield County Alumnae Chapter.

Judith Bechtel Soto

In addition to her busy life as mother, Sunday school teacher, Junior League and PTA member, plus alcohol abuse educator, Judith Bechtel Soto gives countless hours to Kappa Alpha Theta.

A Mu Chapter member from Allegheny College, Soto is now an active member of the Fairfield County Alumnae Chapter. She is currently serving the chapter as chairman of the nominating committee and Flaming Festival, and as editor. In the past she has been president of the chapter and served the Fraternity as an alumnae district president. She enjoys skiing, tennis, golf and sewing in her leisure time.

Soto believes that volunteering for Theta has had many benefits. "Theta has given me a ready group of friends—a comfortable group in which I am always welcome. They are caring and always willing to help," she says.



Sheila Klinker, Gamma, a member of the Lafayette Alumnae Chapter has served in the Indiana House of Representatives since 1982.

Sheila Johnston Klinker

State Representative Sheila Johnston Klinker, Gamma, has served in the Indiana House of Representatives since 1982. She has been a member of many committees including governmental affairs, human affairs, roads and transport, sunset audit interim and juvenile justice study.

Klinker, her husband and their three children live in Lafayette, Ind. where she has taught in the local school corporation for 26 years. She is a member of the Lafayette Alumnae Chapter where she has served as an advisory board member and as the fraternity trends adviser. She is also involved in many different civic and community organizations, including the Lafayette Symphony Board of Directors, Business and Professional Womens' Association, United Way Board and the Lafayette Academy Reading Task Force.

Willie Burkart Metzger

"Willie Metzger is, by far, one of the most dedicated Thetas I have ever met. I first remember Willie from back in the '60s when she was an alumnae district president. She went on from there to serve on Grand Council and now to being the most successful advisory board chairman of Gamma Upsilon!" says Alumnae District President Janet Fox.

When Metzger, Alpha Chi, completed her Grand Council work, instead of finding another outlet for her energy, she turned to the University of Miami where she decided to help the then newly-organized chapter. She has been instrumental in the chapter's success through the years.

Metzger also started the tradition of a potluck dinner for the Dayton alumnae. Every September at least 35 to 40 collegians drive from Oxford to Dayton to attend the dinner and continue the tradition. The Dayton Alumnae Chapter has given three scholarships each year to Miami because of Metzger's involvement.

In addition to Theta work, Metzger is a homemaker and volunteers for many local organizations. She believes that her position as advisory board chairman is very rewarding and challenging, with new directions each year. "There is a certain relationship that develops as you work with collegians that continues to grow, and remains a binding feeling even after they have left the campus. They are always 'your girls,'" says Metzger.

Connie Deal Albright

Connie Deal Albright, Kappa, is perhaps best known in Theta circles, for the legacy program she designed to help Denver area Theta legacies enjoy successful rush weeks.

"The key to the program is alumnae participation. All our legacies are special treasures, and nothing would make the Fraternity happier than to see a Theta pledge pin on each of them," Albright says. Although Albright designed the legacy program with Denver alumnae in mind, she says she would be happy to share the details with any other interested alumnae.

In addition to working with the legacy program, she has been alumnae chapter president, rush coordinator and poinsettia sale chairman. She also served the Fraternity as an alumnae district president.

Currently, Albright is an associate of Bunting, Berrier & Associates, a non-profit fund raising firm. Other activities include P.E.O., good citizen chairman for D.A.R., altar guild for the church and the church women's board.

Albright hopes to continue her involvement in Theta. She says, "I hope there is always a place of some kind for me to be an active participating Theta. I will never be able to repay her for all she has given to me and my family. I keep trying, and she keeps out-giving me."

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Ellomae Holden DeMond

Ellomae Holden DeMond, Beta Theta, has given 26 years to Kappa Alpha Theta, which has given her a special bonding with the Fraternity.

Through the years, DeMond has served as president, recording secretary, publicity chairman, Panhellenic delegate and rush adviser for the Spokane Alumnae Chapter. She recently retired from her position as alumnae district president.

In addition to sharing in Theta through alumnae, she has also been able to share Theta with her own family. She has four daughters, all of whom have been initiated in Alpha Sigma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Like their mother, they have all been active as collegians and alumnae.

DeMond graduated from

the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in music performance and, today, is a developmental music teacher. She is a member of the Eastern Washington Music Educators Association and enjoys golf, bridge and sewing.

Regardless of where she has lived, DeMond says that Theta has made her feel welcome. "Wherever we have lived, my Theta contacts have made us feel at home immediately," says DeMond. The hours I have spent in volunteer service for Kappa Alpha Theta have been the most rewarding and personally satisfying of my lifetime. My Theta sisters have truly been there for me in both the happy and trying experiences of my life. I firmly believe the special bond we share in the ritual does deeply affect our attitudes and values."

Catherine Tillotson McCord

Catherine Tillotson McCord has given a lifetime of service and devotion to Kappa Alpha Theta. McCord has been an active member of the Fraternity since 1918, when she was initiated into Alpha Chapter at DePauw University.

Her extraordinary involvement includes 27 years of service as permanent alumnae secretary for Alpha Chapter, treasurer for the Greencastle alumnae, honorary member of the Alpha House Corporation Board and a member of Alpha's advisory board. She has been a delegate to Grand Convention seven times. But perhaps most meaningful, for the past 62 years McCord has participated as an integral part of every Alpha initiation ceremony; thus making lasting impressions on hundreds



Catherine McCord

of Alpha initiates through the years.

In addition to her involvement in Theta, McCord enjoys traveling and is an active member of church groups and other organizations.

Theta has been a major factor in McCord's life. She says, "Having lived in its shadow since 1918, it has been a big interest and love to me. Knowing and keeping in touch with the girls has filled my life."

Pamela Coburn

Pamela Coburn, Alpha, made her operatic debut in 1979 with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, after graduating from DePauw University.

As a student at DePauw, Coburn displayed her musical talent as song leader for the chapter, and even wrote songs for rush skits. Although her music study took much of her time, she was involved in campus activities and always helped organize serenades.

In 1980, Coburn was among the prize winners in the International Music Competition held in Munich. In 1981, she won first prize in the Rio de Janeiro Competition, and in 1982, was a national winner in the Metropolitan Opera Competition.

Since 1984, Coburn has performed in Shanghai and Peking, China, Dresden, Munich, Rome, New York, Vienna, Paris, Luxemburg, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Nice.



Evelyn Rohde Register, center, with a family of Thetas, from left: Pam Rohde Larson, Carol Rohde Helsten, Marilyn Rohde Gilsdorf and Marcia Rohde Anderson.

Evelyn Rohde Register

Evelyn Rohde Register has 12 Theta relatives, so it seems Theta has always been part of her life.

Register, a member of Alpha Pi Chapter at the University of North Dakota, is now an active member of the Grand Forks Alumnae Club. She has devoted her time to the club by acting as rush adviser, treasurer of the corporation board and birthday cake chairman. She has also served as advisory board chairman for the past two years. Register is a homemaker and a part-time employee for the University of North Dakota Admissions Office.

"I was brought up thinking only Theta. For the last three years, I have written our alumnae newsletter and have developed close friendships with alumnae all over. Some of the older alumnae know my mother, aunt, sisters or cousins," Register says.

Judith Life Ikenberry

For Judith Life Ikenberry, volunteering is more than a part time job. Ikenberry, Alpha Chi, is the wife of Stanley Ikenberry, the president of the University of Illinois. Her responsibilities encompass managing their house and grounds plus hostessing their social events, which last year included 60 functions and 8,000 guests.

In addition to caring for her three children, Ikenberry is involved in several volunteer organizations. She is on the board of the American Heart Association, and she and her husband co-chaired the Lincoln Academy Ball, at the request of Illinois Governor James Thompson. She is also adviser to Mortar Board and on the board of directors of Campus YWCA on the University of Illinois campus. She frequently speaks to student and community groups.

ALUMNAE REPORT

Chairman of Pan Am event is a Theta

The 10th Pan American Games, to be held in Indianapolis next August, will bring together more than 4,000 Olympic hopefuls from 37 nations in North, South, and Central America, and the Caribbean. These athletes will compete in 27 sports and 286 different events—making this undoubtedly the premier athletic event of 1987.

In the equestrian events, horses and riders will be competing in an advanced-level three day event: grand prix, jumping and dressage. The chairman of the dressage events for the Pan Am Games is **Marilynn Bottomley Dammon**, an Alpha Chi Theta from Purdue University.

Dressage, pronounced dre-sazh, is based on the classical school of riding and training. The word comes from the French verb "dresser", meaning "to train." In equestrian language, it refers to the progressive development of the physical and mental abilities of the horse. This systematic approach to training has developed over centuries in the fine riding academies in Europe. It is relatively new to this country, but it is rapidly growing in popularity and praise.

"Good dressage," explains Dammon, "is a combination of art and athletics, much like free-style gymnastics or ballet. The horse and rider move together like dancing partners, apparently effortlessly and always with rhythm, balance and style. When the extended gaits are asked for, there is brilliance!"

With the chairmanship of the dressage events has come involvement in the planning for the Hoosier Horse Park, where all of the equestrian events for the Games will be held. This will be a permanent equestrian center, covering 40 acres, and offering stabling for 250 horses, indoor and outdoor arenas, and cross country jump courses. Dammon says, "My job has become especially exciting, knowing that an Olympic-caliber facility will soon be located in Indiana."

Dammon's love for horses began at an early age, but she didn't have a horse of her own until she was 21. "I was a senior at Purdue," she remembers. "I was treasurer of the chapter, involved in campus activities and taking a full load of classes. Certainly not a very opportune time to buy my first horse. But Sonny Boy was wonderful, even though he was nearly 20, and I had to have him."

The fact that the horse was 400 miles away in Virginia didn't seem to bother her or her Theta roommates a bit.



Marilynn Dammon, chairman of the dressage events for the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Ind.

"We were all eager to trailer the horse all the way back to Indiana although none of us had ever pulled a horse trailer before," she says. Fortunately, reason prevailed and Sonny Boy arrived by commercial van. "Then followed some of the best study breaks I'd ever experienced," remembers Dammon.

Today, she and her husband, Jim, own and manage Kings Hill Stable, a boarding and dressage center north of Lafayette, Ind. Living in Lafayette, Dammon has stayed involved with Theta and the Alpha Chi Chapter. She has served on the advisory and house corporation boards and has been president of the Lafayette Alumnae Chapter. Last year she served as president of the Lafayette Alumnae Panhellenic Council, and this year she is chairman of the alumnae chapter's main fund-raiser.

"Theta will always be an important part of my life," says Dammon. "Just before I enter the ring at a dressage show, I try to feel that support and inspiration I've felt on so many occasions from Thetas. I just know it helps my ride!"

*Beverlie Maynard
Delta*

Suzanne Snipes Schradle

Suzanne Snipes Schradle was an active Theta right from the start: As an Upsilon member at the University of Minnesota, she was rush chairman and chapter president. As an alumna, she is an active and dedicated member of the St. Paul Alumnae Chapter.

Since graduation in 1954, Schradle has served in many alumnae capacities, including chairman of the rush



Suzanne Schradle

recommendation board and ways and means chairman and president. She has also held a number of positions on the advisory board. She is currently the permanent alumnae secretary for the chapter, a position she's held for 12 years. In addition to her work for Theta, Schradle is very involved with the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital; this year acting as co-chairman for their annual bazaar.

Schradle says that Theta

has always been a very important part of her life. "I've always been proud to be a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. The alumnae I see here and the college members seem to have a special something that sisterhood has brought out. I was pleased that both my children chose to go Greek. I have always felt that fraternities are a source of blooming for a young adult. You get so much more than you could ever give," she says.

Theta alumna makes a difference in Mexico

I am Virginia Grose, married to Robert deCoursey Young. I graduated from the University of Arizona in Tucson in 1949, where I became a member of the Beta Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Bob and I came to Mexico City on our honeymoon in May of 1954, and, guess what? We're still here! Why? Because we love it!

The city has grown from 4.5 million inhabitants to 20 million. And we have grown from two starry-eyed tourists to a family of three children, four grandchildren, and dozens of in-law relations, which weave a very tight pattern in Mexican society.

The years have passed enjoyably. The novelty of living in Mexico never wore thin. Business waxed and waned like the moon over Acapulco Bay. Children grew nicely bilingual: two of them chose American citizenship and attended universities in the U.S.; one was Mexican from the start, even though he always looked like an English schoolboy, blonde and near-sighted. My year-round tennis (thanks to the moderate climate) showed signs of improvement. But my Spanish was a disgrace, until I found myself with a non-English-speaking daughter-in-law. And currently I am faced with the challenge of making sure that a four-year-old grandson speaks some English however heavily accented!

We had upheavals during those first 30 years. There were periods when "Yanqui Go Home" signs proliferated in public places and gave us pause to consider the wisdom of remaining in a Third World country. We have lived with city pollution, frustrating loss of time in traffic, a general worsening of living conditions due to population pressures, and undeniable indications of massive corruption in high government places. Although we have been surprisingly unaffected personally, we are conscious, horribly conscious, of the widening gap between the rich and the poor, and the enormous increase of the latter.

Much as I believe in charity, I believe even more in the benefits of steady employment. And this is the point at which I found myself in the Autumn of 1982. Just as I was happily immersed in a new and exciting research project, this intriguing country went into an economic tailspin, and misery was compounded 100 fold. I said to myself, "Do something, Virginia! This land has been very good to you and yours . . ."

Anita, an indigenous prototype if I ever saw one, has been in our household for more than 30 years, filling every role from gardener and plumber to "nana" for children and grandchildren. One day, she complained bitterly that the young people were growing up with no more useful occupation than that of watching television. And, indeed, among her relatives, there were five teenage great-nieces, who, having finished the equivalent of junior high school, were financially unable to continue studying and unequipped and unmotivated to look for work. They had literally given up hope for a better life; their only goal was distraction through television. Anita, ever resourceful, decided to teach them to embroider. And now these five attractive, young women are all back in school, paying their own registration fees, and simultaneously forming the core of the cottage industry which is the object of my story.

Through a close friend, I became acquainted with the Mother Superior of a convent of Clarissa nuns, cloistered

in an ancient building on a narrow street in the lovely colonial town of Queretaro, a two-hour drive north of Mexico City. This group of 40 women have produced the most glorious embroidery, ranging from an enormous wall-hanging of the Virgin of Guadalupe, which is on display in the Vatican, to very expensive skirts sold exclusively to Frost Brothers department store in San Antonio! Some of these nuns haven't ventured beyond the convent walls for half a century, but they can tell you a lot about developments in Lebanon and the latest exchange rate of the peso to the dollar!

It seemed only one short step from the five girls cross-stitching on "cuadrille" (also known as "aida") to the nuns' making the most appealing baby pillows, complete with ruffles, lace and ribbon, in pinks and blues. And voila—suddenly there appeared a highly merchandisable item. The American-British Hospital Boutique in Mexico City was the first customer for this article. Its success was so great that for a whole year, we were hard pressed to keep just that one store supplied. Now, nearly four years later, the original crew of five has expanded to about 20, all working in their homes, if homes they can be called.

On a scale of one to 10, going from starvation level to minimum subsistence, I suppose that most of these women would qualify between a three and a five. They live in the deplorable "belt of misery" which surrounds Mexico City, in houses with cardboard or at best laminated roofs, bare floors, without running water or electricity much of the time. I would say that the main problem we have in obtaining these embroidered squares is cleanliness. Cooking in a small room on a charcoal stove, surrounded by children of all ages, without water, makes it nearly impossible to keep their materials clean. A few of the younger girls take their sewing to school and cross-stitch during recess.

One mother and daughter were so afraid to leave their house for fear of violence in the neighborhood and robbery at home, that they just used to spend most of their time sleeping for lack of anything else to do. Now, they are happily and remuneratively employed. I see them as belonging to the long line of women who for centuries have contributed to the art of the world with their creative handcraft.

The nuns continue to make the pillows after the needlework is finished. Our friend the Mother Superior died last year in her early 70s. We thought it typical of her sense of humor to have appointed as her sewing successor the oldest nun in the convent, Consuelo, pushing 80, and, amazingly, unimpeded by having to use thick, dark glasses while sewing with gnarled, arthritic hands! The demand for pillows continued to increase and when it became obvious that Consuelo (Chelo) would be needing an assistant, we only hoped that she would make her choice from among the younger nuns. She did: She selected strong, handsome Letty, the only drawback being that Letty has glaucoma. However, God knows exactly what He is doing. We wouldn't interfere with the nuns with even so much as a small suggestion.

The pillows are now prominently displayed in the shops

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ALUMNAE REPORT

Kathryn Ballsun

Kathryn Ballsun, Omi-cron, is a partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Stanton and Ballsun. Although her growing practice primarily employs female attorneys, her husband is also an attorney and works with her.

After attending the University of Southern California, Ballsun continued her education at Loyola University School of Law. She is a member of the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter, where she has served as chairman of the Theta Connection

Program and as a member of Los Angeles Alumnae Board.

In addition to her law practice, Ballsun publishes information about estate planning. She is on the board of directors of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and is a KUSC radio volunteer. She has one child and enjoys gourmet cooking, piano, gardening and jogging.

"Theta has provided a constant reminder of the ethical and moral values essential to a productive and giving life," says Ballsun.



Kathryn Ballsun, partner in a Los Angeles law firm, is a member of the L. A. Alumnae Chapter.



Charlotte Bonsack

Charlotte Dallas Bonsack

Charlotte Dallas Bonsack is one of Theta's outstanding officers. Currently an alumnae district president, she has also served as president and vice-president of the Jackson, Fla. Alumnae Chapter, and in 1980 was nominated by the chapter as Woman of the Year.

"Char has started several

new clubs, found many new permanent alumnae secretaries in District XVIII, and has revitalized this district. She is very active in other groups and has been president of several," says fellow Alumnae District President Betty Britton.

Bonsack teaches third grade and is social chairman for the Mandarin Newcomers Club and a member of the Women's Guild. She enjoys tennis, reading, and nee-

dlepoint in her leisure time.

Bonsack graduated as a Gamma Upsilon Theta at Miami University, Ohio, and has a daughter who is a member of Delta Theta at the University of Florida. "The experiences we have shared have brought a special closeness," says Bonsack, "I am grateful that she is a sister. I know that she, too, will have a friend, a home, a sister, wherever she goes."

of at least five hospitals in Mexico City. The motif is principally for new-born babies, though this can be modified to meet almost any demand. In 1984, according to the Mexican Government, exportation became the name of the game for survival; and Methodist Hospital in Houston became our first foreign customer. Two friends, Thetas both (Ann Faber Niederhauser, University of Arizona and Barbara Clark Grose, University of Washington), are in the process of placing these pillows in the shops of Tucson and Denver, where they live respectively.

Needless to say, I'd be delighted to send a dozen or more to anyone who might be doing volunteer work in a hospital boutique, for example. I am a very timid salesperson, but I will go to great lengths in order to find outlets for the work of these worthy women and girls. The few extra pesos that they can earn with their handwork will often make the difference between having a small birthday cake or none at all.

Not long ago, I expressed my amazement to wise old Chelo at the continuing success of these simple pillows at a time when so many people were unable to afford the basic necessities. She explained it this way, "Of course, everyone likes these pillows—because they were made with love (con carino)—and it's as simple as that."

Well, love is also what Theta is all about, isn't it.

Virginia G. Young
Beta Delta

Joyce Ault Cordon

"Theta for a lifetime" can accurately be applied to Joyce Ault Cordon, the first recipient of Rockford's Panhellenic Woman of the Year award. The award began in 1973, and without question was given to Cordon. She has since continued to devote countless hours of service to Theta.

Cordon began alumnae work by serving as president of the Toronto Alumnae Chapter in 1958. She was a college district president for three years, was a member of Grand Council for four years and served as alternate delegate to the National Panhellenic Conference for many years. She volunteers time for heart and cancer fund drives in addition to spending time with her family: husband, son and Theta daughter.

Cordon attributes her Theta dedication to a past Grand President. She says, "During my senior year at McGill, Mrs. Higby, then Grand President, visited Beta Psi. Her presence and dedication to Kappa Alpha Theta so impressed me that I wanted to be like her and devote time to fraternity work. Since then, attending Grand Conventions and meeting so many able women devoted to Kappa Alpha Theta have enhanced my desire to work for the fraternity idea."



Joyce Cordon

Doreen Gentzler: TV Anchor

In the reception room of WKYC-TV, Channel 3, Cleveland, the television set is appropriately tuned to its own evening news program, featuring co-anchors Bob McBride and **Doreen Gentzler**, Gamma Delta. The screen focuses on an earnest Gentzler, informing the viewers of the critical needs of the elderly in the Cleveland community. There is a sincerity and credibility that reaches the audience when she speaks.

This job that appears so glamorous could never be an easy or tranquil one in any city. In Cleveland, Ohio, it presents a unique opportunity and challenge, for Cleveland is the tenth largest TV media market in the country.

The 6pm news ends and a stream of technicians and on-camera people filter quietly through the reception area. Then a stunning brunette in a splash of color enters the room. Doreen Gentzler's face is sensitive and intelligent, just as it is on camera.

Gentzler's weekday schedule is controlled by the evening news programming. She arrives at the station at 2:30 in the afternoon, delivers the 6 and 11 pm news, and leaves for home at 11:30. The time between arrival and departure is filled with work, for she reviews the format of the shows, constantly checks the news coming over the wires, writes almost all of her own copy and edits whatever is written for her.

Gentzler reaped immediate benefits from the extra hours she works: In 1984, the year after her arrival in Cleveland, she received a local Emmy award for reporting in a highly acclaimed week long documentary series on the Cuyahoga River.

"Growing up, I had every intention of becoming a print journalist," says Gentzler. "I really enjoyed working on the high school newspaper. But in college a very persuasive professor taught TV journalism—and I got hooked."

Gentzler attended the University of Georgia in Athens, where she majored in journalism and political science. In the summers, she spent her time on Capitol Hill, holding internships with U.S. Congressman Mendel Davis and U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond. In addition, during college she acted as a legislative reporter for the Georgia Educational Television Network.

Gentzler also chose in 1976 to pledge the Gamma Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at Georgia. "It was a large house—120 members—and the house itself was beautiful," she says. There is obvious pride in her voice as she describes her sorority sisters. "The Thetas were truly a special group. There was just no way to type them. They were a diversified group with high scholastic achievement, but," she adds with delight, "we had a lot of fun." While at Georgia, Gentzler served as service chairman of the house and also was the editor of the newsletter. The combination of service to the community and purveyor of the news always seemed to be her calling.

Gentzler spent one year after college as general assignment reporter for WRCB-TV in Chattanooga, Tennessee. "It was an incredible year," she says. "I had to do literally everything and it was the best possible way to learn

the job." Then from 1980 to 1983 she reported the news for WSOC-TV in Charlotte, anchoring both the weekday and weekend news.

After eight years of television reporting, Gentzler is beginning to develop a detached perspective in evaluating her own performance. "When you're a young woman in this business, or any business, you want so keenly to be taken seriously and to be perceived as being a professional. Sometimes the balance isn't there. It's just now that I'm truly learning to relax on camera and let my personality come through."

Gentzler's reporting in Cleveland has been the object of praise, particularly her dedication to a vital national concern: missing children. In 1983, the film "The Adam Walsh Story" was shown nationally on television. Adam Walsh was a young child who had been abducted and whose parents were instrumental in educating the public on the problem of missing children. Every week WKYC presented a program which provided details about a missing child. In one segment, Gentzler provided information on a six-year-old child who had been missing for three years. The story was picked up by numerous NBC affiliate stations and the child was recognized by people in Tennessee. The next day Gentzler flew to Tennessee and, sitting in a courtroom, witnessed the reunion of the mother and her child. "The power of television, of modern electronic technology, in locating these children, is enormous," she says.

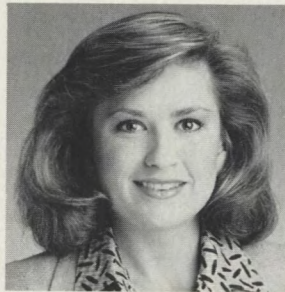
Gentzler followed many stories of missing children throughout the country. She is now a member of the advisory board of the

Adam Walsh Center in Cleveland. She has also, through speaking engagements and tireless efforts of encouraging people to contact their legislators, helped achieve passage of legislation in Ohio to benefit missing children. The law, among other features, now permits police to act immediately on a report of a missing child and establishes a statewide clearing house for information on missing children.

Gentzler's life in Cleveland has added more than one new dimension. In August of 1986 she was married to William Miller, a reporter for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. The wedding was an occasion for friends to visit, and four of her former sorority sisters travelled to Cleveland for the happy event.

When discussing her future professionally, Gentzler is reflective, "There are two careers to consider, mine and Bill's." But right now, she is trying to do the best job possible at Channel 3, learning every day.

One situation she has learned to handle is working with a co-anchor. Her newest partner is Bob McBride, an experienced journalist from Washington. "It's funny," relates Gentzler. "We started talking about our families and Bob said he met his wife in college when he was a dishwasher at her sorority house." Gentzler fishes a small piece of paper out of the pocket of her jacket and grins, "Her name was Cynthia Ann Martin and she was a Theta at Cornell, Iota Chapter."



Doreen Gentzler

Marianne D. Relic
Tau

ALUMNAE REPORT

Gwendolyn Berger Straight

There are many young people who are benefiting from the love, hard work and dedication demonstrated by Gwendolyn Berger Straight, Beta Pi.

Straight is among the board members who run the Camp Oakland Girls' and Boys' Ranch Programs in Oxford, Mich. Both organizations are designed to provide a healthy atmosphere to enhance the transition into young adulthood for adolescents. The program teaches each resident to use self-discipline, to handle responsibility, to be independent and to develop social skills.

Straight is not just any dedicated volunteer, she is a dedicated Theta volunteer. A



Birmingham, Mich. alumnae working together at Camp Oakland, from left: Peg Fox Schimpke, Gwen Berger Straight, Polly Hitt Henry, Kay Glessner Zeigler

member of Beta Pi Chapter at Michigan State University, she is now an active member of the Birmingham Alumnae Club. She has served the club as president, publicity chairman and rush board recommendation board. She also served the Fraternity as a college district president. Other interests include her family, travel, golf, bridge, scouting, PTA and teaching Sunday school.

Straight feels that she owes a lot to Theta. "Theta has granted me continuing opportunities to grow, experience and develop in ways and areas I would never have thought possible. It has taught me skills and the confidence to meet any challenge or hold any office within Theta or my community—I am so grateful," she says.

Mary Louise Smith

Mary Louise Smith, Beta Omicron, has had a long and respected career in public service at community, state and national levels.

She is best known for her position as the National Chairman of the Republican Party from September 1974 to January 1977. Smith is the only woman ever to have held that position.

Smith began her career as a caseworker for the Iowa Employment Relief Administration in 1935. That led to her involvement with the Republican Party as a volunteer campaign worker in the early 1950s. She was subsequently elected precinct committee woman, county vice-chairman and Republican National Committee Woman. She has also been active in the Iowa Federation of Republican Women and in the Republican Women's Task Force of the National Women's Political Caucus at both state and national levels.

Smith has received numerous honors, including: membership in the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame, honorary de-



Mary Louise Smith

gree of Doctor of Human Letters from Drake University, distinguished alumnae award of the University of Iowa, honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Grinnell College and the Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice from the Iowa commission on the status of women.

An active member of the Fraternity, Smith is a 50-year Theta and has addressed the National Panhellenic Conference and Grand Convention. An important part of her career has involved a nationwide network of women and Smith says, "Much of what I do is in the name of nobler womanhood."

Anne Cordon Karpala

Anne Cordon Karpala has followed in the footsteps of her mother Joyce Cordon, as a dedicated Theta.

Karpala, a member of Beta Psi Chapter at McGill University, has been very active during her 14 years as an alumna. A member of the Toronto Alumnae Chapter, she has served as president, philanthropy chairman, recording secretary and currently serves as province chairman.

In addition to her Theta activities, she is the academic coordinator of an introductory biology course at the University of Toronto, which involves 1600 students. Karpala has three children and enjoys swimming, crosscountry skiing and reading in her free time.

"Being a Theta legacy with a very active, devoted Theta mom has been very special to me. I have only truly appreciated Theta since college," says Karpala.

Ruth Bestland Brown

"After 17 years in my (alumnae) chapter, I still find many rewards—friendships, service and fun," says Ruth Bestland Brown.

Brown was initiated into Alpha Pi Chapter at the University of North Dakota in 1958 and since graduating has been active in the Fort Collins Alumnae Chapter. She has served as president, treasurer, financial adviser and recording secretary.

Brown enjoys being with her family as well as jogging, knitting, skiing and traveling. She volunteers in their

church and is a member of the special grants committee for Fort Collins.

Brown says she feels lucky that having a Theta daughter has let her relive some of her past experiences. "Not everyone is lucky enough to enjoy the experience, again, of being a Theta undergraduate, vicariously, through a daughter, but I was! One of my never-to-be-forgotten memories will be of serving as alumnae president at the same time my daughter, Meg, was president of Beta Gamma Chapter, and sharing the podium with her on Founders' Day," she says.

ALUMNAE REPORT

Claricie Visser Collins

Alpha Rho alumna Claricie Visser Collins knows that Theta ties remain strong after college. As director of alumni and public information services for the University of South Dakota, Visser is in constant contact with Thetas. She says, "Many times a year I call upon Thetas from around the country to help in arranging USD alumni meetings. They never let me down!"

Collins has certainly not let Theta down. She presently serves the Fraternity as a permanent alumnae secretary and is active as Alpha Rho's scholarship development chairman and secretary, and serves on their corporation



Claricie Collins

board.

"Through Theta, I have learned tolerance, leadership management, loyalty and commitment—all of which have contributed to my quality of life," says Collins. "Lasting Theta friendships have been most gratifying."

Louise Lev Geil

Louise Lev Geil, Beta Iota, is a longtime member and supporter of the Boulder Alumnae Chapter in addition to serving the Fraternity as third alternate National Panhellenic Conference delegate.

Theta has been a constant factor in Geil's life for 20 years. She has shown her devotion and support by serving as president of the alumnae chapter and as Panhellenic adviser.

Geil is a homemaker and mother of four children in addition to being a part-time ski instructor in Vail, Colo., a position she has enjoyed for the past 12 years.

Even after all her years in Theta, Geil says she is still reaping benefits. "Theta has been a continuing opportunity for me as a source for friendships and personal growth. As a mom who has always been contented to stay home with her brood, Theta has provided me with a way to maintain and develop skills not generally associated with motherhood, skills such as writing and public speaking. The opportunity to learn and grow in these areas has been a perfect balance with being a mom, and the many special friendships I've made is a cherished offshoot of my involvement. I am continually grateful to Theta for all she has added, and continues to add, to my life," says Geil.

Evelyn Stubblefield Cass

Evelyn Stubblefield Cass, Beta Omega, a member of the Denver Alumnae Chapter, has been an active Theta volunteer. She has served as a college district president for the Fraternity and currently serves on the Denver Alumnae Executive Board as courtesy chairman and parliamentarian. She has been

alumnae chapter president and Panhellenic delegate.

Cass is a homemaker and active in D.A.R. She enjoys a study club, traveling, bridge and gardening. For Cass, Theta has special meaning. She says, "For me, Theta has met the higher and broader demands of mature life. Theta can serve as an anchor in new locations—a place where a newcomer alumnus belongs."

What significance does Theta have for you?

The following alumnae treasures relate their feelings about Theta:

Mary Kaine Carter

San Antonio, Texas
Alpha Theta/University of Texas

"Theta continually broadens my perspective of the world outside the small environment I live in. Through Theta I see the crucial concerns of people throughout our country today."

Margaret Howell Cunningham

Englewood, Colo.
Alpha Omicron/University of Oklahoma

"It defines what women should be and offers a network of accomplished women."

Lucy Goetz Eklund

Rockford, Ill.
Alpha Chi/Purdue University

"It is a special sisterhood of ever-ready friendships with new and old friends. Theta still inspires me to do my best!"

Evelyn Suter Massee

Grand Forks, N.D.
Alpha Pi/University of North Dakota

"I am still involved with Theta and enjoy all the letters and contacts with members. We had a great reunion last spring at the 75th anniversary!"

Mary Hunter Mcglone

Denver, Colo.
Beta Iota/University of Colorado

"Theta has given me a lifetime of cherished friend-

ships and I enjoy recruiting young students to pledge Theta. I will always be proud to be a Theta!"

Mimi Davis Reid

Gainesville, Fla.
Alpha Mu/University of Missouri

"As life offers new challenges, our Theta world offers stability and continuity. Today, Theta gives me the chance to take on new challenges, responsibilities, and to learn."

Harriette Abbott Slowin

Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.
Eta/University of Michigan
"Besides seeing different members, I've found that corresponding is vital to my life as I approach my 82nd birthday!"

Carol Straley Trimmer

Muncie, Ind.
Alpha Chi/Purdue University

"In my mind's eye, I see Theta as a huge map of the world with little lights representing Thetas past and present, all connected with lines, like a huge web. For me, Theta represents connections mental and physical threads that represent strong ties and connections between thousands of women who share a common bond. It has come to mean more to me every year; it's truly a lifetime experience."

Susan Conley Wrzesinski

Jackson, Mich.
Eta/University of Michigan
"The greatest significance is the lifelong friends that I made in college."

ALUMNAE REPORT

Theta sails with crew of Godspeed

Mary Jane Allen Gendell, Beta Lambda, is an active Theta alumna who has a great love for the sea. The Williamsburg, Va. Alumnae Chapter member lived on a boat in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia with her husband during the first years of their marriage. Although Gendell and her family now live on firm ground, her love for the sea remains.

In 1984, Gendell was given an opportunity of which most sea lovers can only dream. Restoration efforts for the Godspeed (one of the three ships that in 1607 brought the settlers to Jamestown to establish the first permanent English-speaking settlement in the New World) were underway in Jamestown and Gendell volunteered to help. In 1986, when the Godspeed was to participate in the Parade of Sail for the Statue of Liberty's birthday celebration, Captain Jon Christiansen knew a cook would be needed. Gendell filled the bill. She says it was her enthusiasm and willing attitude (She went for free.) that helped her land the job.

The Godspeed spent 13 days at sea, leaving Jamestown before dawn Friday, June 27. Among the crew of 12, Gendell was the only woman. She kept a journal of her journey in which she recounted adventures that included crawling between decks to retrieve food items; strapping herself in her bed during a storm; buying a 300-pound block of ice; and listening to the crew complain about the abundance of ham being served.

But the highlight of her trip was the Parade of Sail. The Godspeed crew dressed in Elizabethan costumes for the event. Gendell says she had never seen so many boats and was glad for the skillful maneuverings of the boat by the Captain and crew. "But, the best part was seeing the fresh



Mary Jane Gendell, Beta Lambda, was part of the crew of the Godspeed, which participated in the Parade of Sail for the Statue of Liberty celebration last summer.

face of Lady Liberty, surrounded by the fireworks," she says.

Gendell remains a volunteer with the Godspeed and hopes she can participate in future journeys. But for now she enjoys reliving her happy memories as the Godspeed's cook through her photographs.

Catherine M. Barrineau
Delta Phi

House corporation volunteers make valuable contributions

Hundreds of women manage millions of dollars worth of assets for our many Theta college chapters.

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Each alumna in good standing is a member of her initiated chapter's house corporation. Because many alumnae live a distance from their alma maters, and because new chapters have no alumnae, the chapters look to experienced alumnae from other chapters for leadership in their house corporations. Many established groups also welcome house corporation board members from other chap-

ters, who have new and different ideas to contribute.

From our newest chapters—with boards in the process of incorporating and assessing facility needs—to those managing older facilities with elegant architecture (and aging plumbing and heating systems!) house corporation board members help build a positive reputation for our Fraternity.

Recently retired Alpha Tau House Corporation President Lynn Nyktas, in her 1986 annual report to the corporation said, "During the five years that I have been a member of Corporation Board I have at different times felt amused, frustrated, satisfied, curious, angry, pleased, young and old—sometimes all on the same day! These years have been very rewarding to me. I know that it's sometimes hard to recruit volunteers in today's world, but if someone is considering getting more involved with Theta, Corporation Board is something I recommend."

Joan Whalen
Beta
Director of House Corporations

If you are interested in serving on a house corporation board, send your name and address to: Joan Whalen, Director of House Corporations, 3827 East Old Myers Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401. Your name will be given to the nominating committee of a nearby house corporation.

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- fun and educational programming
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- opportunities to meet exciting women of all ages

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College Chapter/School _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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____ Please send me information about starting an alumnae club

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- F5** Red. **\$4.30**
- F6** Blue. **\$4.30**

- 14K Large Pansy Ring
- F9** With Cubic Zirconia (Please specify size). **\$130.00**
- F7** (Not pictured) Plain. **\$120.00**
- F8** (Not pictured) With Pearl. **\$124.00**

- F10** Greek Letter Pinky Ring 14K. **\$80.00**

- 14K Small Pansy Ring
- F12** With Pearl (Please specify size). **\$99.00**
- F11** (Not pictured) Plain. **\$95.00**
- F13** (Not pictured) With Cubic Zirconia. **\$105.00**

- 14K Small Pansy Earrings
- F14** With Pearl. **\$86.00**
- F15** (Not pictured) Plain. **\$82.00**
- F16** (Not pictured) With Cubic Zirconia. **\$89.00**

- F17** (Not pictured) Sterling Small Pansy Earrings With Pearls. **\$48.00**
- F18** (Not pictured) Sterling Large Pansy Earrings With Pearls. **\$59.00**

- Sterling Large Pansy Charm
- F20** With Pearl. **\$24.00**
- F19** (Not pictured) Plain. **\$18.00**

- F21** (Not pictured) Sterling Small Pansy Charm Plain. **\$15.00**

- 14K Large Pansy Charm
- F22** With Pearl. **\$65.00**
- F23** (Not pictured) Plain. **\$60.00**
- F24** (Not pictured) With Cubic Zirconia. **\$70.00**

- 14K Small Pansy Charm
- F25** Plain. **\$26.00**
- F26** (Not pictured) With Pearl. **\$29.00**
- F27** (Not pictured) With Cubic Zirconia. **\$32.00**

- F28** 14K Kite Charm. **\$30.00**
- F29** 14K Kite Charm With Cubic Zirconia. **\$36.00**
- F30** Crest Charm, Gold Filled or Sterling. **\$11.00**
- F31** Greek Letter Charm, Gold Filled or Sterling. **\$16.00**
- F32** (Not pictured) Gold Filled Theta Charm. **\$15.00**

- G1** "Even Thetas Need Their Beauty Sleep" Pillowcase. **\$7.50**
- G2** White Eyelet Pillow. **\$17.00**
- G3** I Corinthians Pressed Pansies Picture, Blue, Burgundy, Rose or Teal. **\$25.00**
- G4** Kite Frame. **\$9.00**
- G5** Lucite Picture Frame. **\$5.00**
- G6** Coat of Arms Mug. **\$7.50**
- Set of 4. **\$26.00**
- G7** KAΘ Wall Hanging 10" x 12". **\$24.00**
- G8** Theta on Board. **\$2.00**
- G9** I love KAΘ Bumper Sticker. **\$1.00**

- H1** White/Pink Polo Shirt, cotton/polyester, S, M, L. **\$18.50**

- H2** Solid Polo Shirt with Kite, cotton/polyester, Red or Blue, M, L. **\$18.50**
- H3** Kite Print Jams, 100% cotton, elastic waist/ drawstring, M, L. **\$24.00**
- H4** White KAΘ Rugby Shorts, cotton/polyester, M, L. **\$12.00**
- H5** Hand Painted Pansy Tennis Shoes (Please specify size). **\$28.00**
- H6** Hand Painted Kite Tennis shoes (Please specify size). **\$28.00**
- H7** KAΘ Socks. **\$5.00**

- J1** Gray Theta Sweatshirt, cotton/polyester/ rayon, M, L, XL. **\$18.50**
- J2** Gray Theta Sweatpants, S, M, L, XL. **\$18.00**
- J3** Navy Appliqued Sweatshirt, cotton/polyester, M, L, XL. **\$25.00**
- J4** Navy Appliqued Sweatpant, cotton/polyester, M, L, XL. **\$21.00**

- K1** Yellow Kite Pencil. **\$4.00**
- K2** Gold Kappa Alpha Theta Pencil. **\$3.50**
- K3** Lucite Hand Painted Candy Box. **\$7.50**
- K4** Lucite Hand Painted Pencil Box. **\$6.50**
- K5** Yellow Calico Pin Pillow. **\$5.50**
- K6** Paper Clip Caddy. **\$2.75**
- K7** Lucite Picture Frame Key Chain. **\$2.50**
- K8** Cloissone Pansy Key Chain. **\$7.00**
- K9** Luggage Tag. **\$1.25**
- K10** Floater Key Chain. **\$1.25**
- K11** Yellow Pen. **\$2.00**
- K12** Black Pen. **\$2.50**
- K13** Post It Notes Pad. **\$1.50**
- K14** Bookmarker. **\$2.00**

- L New Item** 22 OZ. Yellow Stadium Cup, Black Imprint. **\$1.00**

- L New Item** Bright Yellow Mug with Black Imprint. **\$5.00**

- L New Item** Soft Touch Key Chain, Black with Yellow Imprint. **\$1.25**

- L New Item** Leaded Crystal Pansy Plate. **\$20.00**
- (Limited Availability)*

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- M2** Theta Watch with Yellow Strap. **\$33.00**

- N1** 9" Round, Contrasting Stained Glass Borders. **\$40.00**

- N2** 3 x 3 Diamond (Beveled Glass). **\$16.00**

- N3** 3 x 5 Oval (Beveled Glass). **\$18.00**

- N4** 2 x 2 Diamond (Beveled Glass). **\$14.00**

- N5** 3½" Round (Plain). **\$12.00**

- N6** (Not pictured) 2" Round (Beveled Glass). **\$14.00**

- N7** (Not pictured) 5" Round with Stained Glass Border. **\$20.00**

- N8** (Not pictured) 6" Round (Beveled). **\$22.00**

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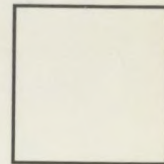
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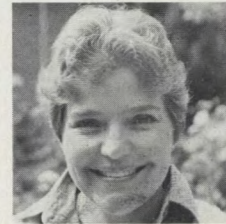
OFFICER GLOSSARY

ADP = Alumnae District President
CDP = College District President
SO = Special Officer

Update On Theta OFFICERS

KATHERINE BROTHER ALLEN • ADP/District V • New Canaan, Conn.

College chapter: Lambda/University of Vermont **Alumnae chapter/club:** Fairfield County **Alumnae offices:** Fairfield County Chapter vice-president, fraternity education, treasurer **Career/activities:** president of University of Vermont Alumnae Association; University of Vermont Alumnae Admissions Program **Interests:** family.



PEGGY AHRENHOLD GALLAGHER • CDP/District XVIII • Atlanta, Ga.

College chapter: Gamma Delta/University of Georgia **Alumnae chapter/club:** Atlanta **Alumnae offices:** rush education adviser, advisory board chairman **Career/activities:** Georgia State University administration **Interests:** family.



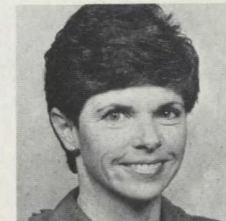
MARY JO VAN HEYDE HOUSLEY • CDP/District X • Worthington, Ohio

College chapter: Alpha Gamma/Ohio State University **Alumnae chapter/club:** Columbus **Alumnae offices:** Columbus Chapter treasurer, rush adviser, advisory board chairman **Career/activities:** foreign language teacher, Junior League, St. Anthony Medical Center special events committee **Interests:** family, sports, movies.



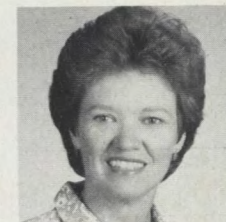
MADILYN HOUSEWORTH MORRIS • CDP/District IV • Topeka, Kan.

College chapter: Kappa/University of Kansas **Alumnae chapter/club:** Topeka **Alumnae offices:** rush adviser, Panhellenic delegate **Career/activities:** substitute teacher, housewife, PTO, Sunday School teacher **Interests:** family.



DIANA LARSON SMITH • ADP/District IV • Kansas City, Kan.

College chapter: Kappa/University of Kansas **Alumnae chapter/club:** Kansas City **Alumnae offices:** Kansas City Chapter president, Panhellenic delegate, treasurer **Career/activities:** parents' club, church groups **Interests:** family, golf.



CAROL STRALEY TRIMMER • ADP/District I • Muncie, Ind.

College chapter: Alpha Chi/Purdue University **Alumnae chapter/club:** Muncie **Alumnae offices:** Muncie Chapter president, scholarship adviser **Career/activities:** aide to U.S. Congressman Phil Sharp, parent group, consultant to Indiana Committee for the Humanities **Interests:** family, needlework, computers, genealogy, politics.



National Panhellenic Conference

The Greek system is in high gear and NPC continues to steer.

In a recent article in *The New York Times* titled "Greek Row Glows Golden Again," Andree Brooks says "During the last ten years, a period when the full-time undergraduate population rose only 20 percent, from five million to six million, fraternity membership on campus has more than doubled." Undergraduate sorority membership rose 30.6 percent in the same decade, from 186,000 in 1975 to 243,000 in 1985.

The Greek system is obviously in high gear.

There are 534 campuses in the United States and Canada, which harbor more than 2500 chapters of National Panhellenic Conference member groups. These women's fraternities have added more than 140 collegiate chapters during the past two years, an almost six percent increase. During the 1983-85 biennium, alumnae chapters increased by 230, a 4.3 percent rise. In a 25-year period, NPC has shown a 9.3 percent increase in new college chapters and an 11 percent growth in alumnae chapters.

How is this mammoth system managed? How do the individual groups keep from running into each other at every turn and having collisions at every blind corner? How are the brakes put on unhealthy developments, and how do the drivers manage the traffic?

Through the National Panhellenic Conference, fondly known as NPC, and its member College Panhellenic Associations and Alumnae Panhellenics.

The history of NPC is a fascinating one, mirroring closely the growth and development of the women's movement. Women's fraternities, after all, were founded by pioneering women: women committed to promoting higher education

for women, and to developing social and intellectual resources equal to or better than those available to men.

The archives of Kappa Alpha Theta and early issues of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* are a treasure trove of National Panhellenic Conference history. According to *Sixty Years in Kappa Alpha Theta*, Theta's first history, Kappa Kappa Gamma issued an invitation to Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Delta Delta and Pi Beta Phi—all of the women's groups organized at that time—to send delegates to Boston on April 15, 1891, "to discuss methods for the betterment of fraternity conditions in the different colleges."

Reports of the committees at this meeting appeared in the July 1891 *Kappa Alpha Theta*. One item reported that each fraternity was asked to "make formal expression of its opposition to the practice of 'lifting' . . . defined as extending of overtures by one fraternity to a member in full connection with another," also to express its opposition "to double membership without honorable dismissal," and urged that the practice of pledging and initiating preparatory students be abolished. Following further meetings at the World's Fair in 1893, at which agreement on various matters could not be reached, Margaret Smith Abbott reported to the Theta Convention that, "A permanent Panhellenic organization has thus far been impossible."

However, in 1902, at an "inter-fraternity conference" called by Alpha Phi, the effort was successful. This was the beginning of the annual and, after 1915, biennial conferences known today as the National Panhellenic Conference.

Today there are 26 member fraternities. The organization is simple: an executive committee of three—chairman, secretary and treasurer—with member groups' representatives rotating into office every two years. Kappa Alpha Theta will rotate into the office of treasurer in 1993, secretary in 1995 and chairman in 1997.

NPC is a true "conference" body. It is a federation of autonomous, private, voluntary associations. It does not have the authority to make rules for other than its own organization and operation. Its strength lies in its Unanimous Agreements, a body of regulations which have been adopted, not by NPC, but by the 26 member groups and signed by their national presidents. Thus, each College Panhellenic Association member and alumna member is bound to uphold them by virtue of her membership in her own fraternity and that fraternity's agreement to honor them.

The early Conference meetings had great success in devising methods by which individual member groups were able to build a spirit of unity and trust, in spite of the competitive nature of the membership recruitment process. These methods, fine tuned through the years, still work with remarkable success today.

By 1914 it was generally recognized that "the value of NPC cannot be measured by the resolutions it passes or the laws it enacts . . . Much of the power of each meeting lies in the full and frank discussion of problems not leading to definite action at the time, and in the constant exchange of methods between experienced officers of the fraternities." This statement is as true today as it was more than 70 years ago. As need dictated, committees

of the Conference were authorized to deal with facets of conference business, and today each delegate and alternate delegate serves on one or more of these committees.

In recent years, the Conference has widened the scope of its activity to include consideration of current campus and societal concerns including the following: maintaining the friendship aspect of fraternity in the face of large chapter size; expansion; maintaining scholarship standards; poor public relations; over-programming; controlled substance abuse; sexual harassment; hazing; insensitivity to non-Greeks; and anti-Greek attitudes.

We salute Thetas who serve as Greek or Panhellenic Advisers:

- Ann Berner, University of Oregon
- Sarah Bickel, Southwest Missouri State
- Lee Ann Coulson, Arizona State
- Margrace Ewing, William Woods
- Kathleen Ganey, Oglethorpe
- Jill Harbin, Transylvania
- Jayne Marlowe, Stetson
- Wilma Minton, Pittsburgh State
- Nancy Olinde, Tulane
- Tracy Padek, Oklahoma
- Linda Palmiero, Allegheny
- Bonnie Solberg, North Dakota
- Penny Terry, San Jose State

We congratulate Thetas who serve as college Panhellenic presidents for 1986-1987:

- Christine Clifford, Omicron/USC
- Holly Sherman, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt
- Neeta Utter, Alpha Rho/South Dakota
- Theresa Schultheis, Alpha Sigma/Washington State
- Cheryl Christensen, Beta Iota/Colorado
- Sally Andrews, Beta Lambda/William and Mary
- Heather Jones, Beta Chi/Alberta
- Gigi Harding, Gamma Epsilon/Western Ontario
- Karen Geise, Gamma Tau/Tulsa
- Jenifer Tarters, Epsilon Eta/Centre
- Suzanne McDaniels, Epsilon Iota/Westminster
- Ruth Smith, Epsilon Lambda/Dickinson

Kappa Alpha Theta has been committed through the years to the enthusiastic support of the National Panhellenic Conference, the College Panhellenic Associations on the campuses where Theta chapters are located, and to the Alumnae Panhellenics in the communities of the United States and Canada. College and alumnae members are urged to make themselves available to serve as officers and to give generously of their time and best efforts to serve the Greek community.

If history teaches any lesson, it is that good times are not always with us. We need to use these "golden days" to continue to strengthen the Greek family of which we are a part, and to help to steer a path through whatever may come our way in the future.

Norma Anderson Jorgensen
Gamma Zeta
NPC Delegate

We honor Panhellenic friends, whose friendships we cherish:

- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Delta Pi
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Alpha Phi
- Alpha Sigma Alpha
- Alpha Sigma Tau
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Chi Omega
- Delta Delta Delta
- Delta Gamma
- Delta Phi Epsilon
- Delta Zeta
- Gamma Phi Beta
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Kappa Delta
- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Phi Mu
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- Pi Beta Phi
- Sigma Delta Tau
- Sigma Kappa
- Sigma Sigma Sigma
- Theta Phi Alpha
- Zeta Tau Alpha

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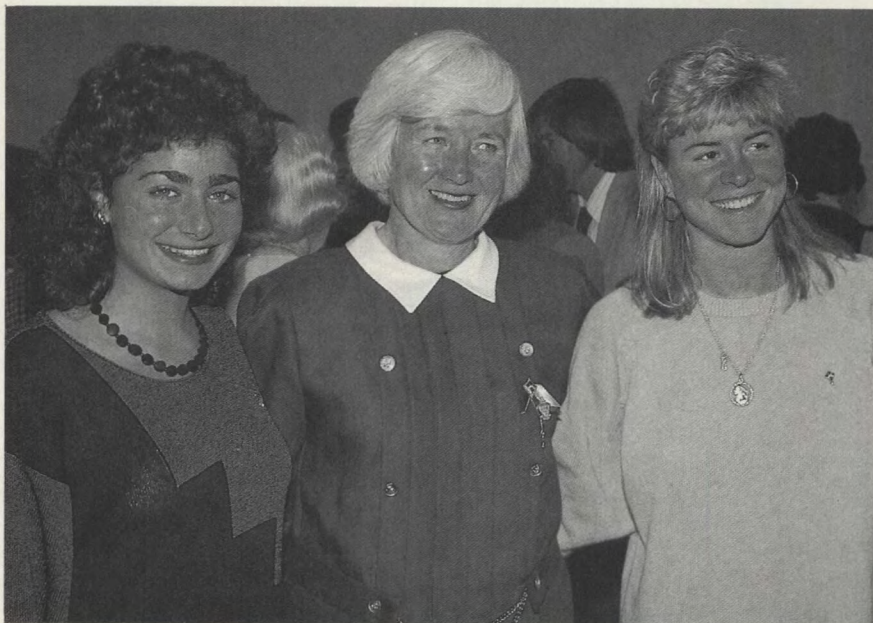
The Big Apple

Columbia University

The Big Apple was the host for a celebration honoring 25 exceptional young women, as they became the newest members of the oldest fraternity for women: The weekend of October 17, Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was installed at Columbia University.

The new Theta members represent nine states and all three undergraduate colleges of Columbia University (Columbia College, Barnard College and the School of Engineering). The young women bring together many different talents and convictions, and are involved in activities ranging from student government to varsity sports.

The women of Epsilon Upsilon have dealt with some negative stereotypes of the Greek system at Columbia. Together, they have learned to rise above them. They have been supported in all their efforts by Theta alumnae. In addition to national guidance, the chapter is privileged to have the love and support of a dedicated advisory board and interested New York Alumnae Chapter. Both groups took an active part in the colony's Big Little Sister program. This was just one



Grand President Sue Supple with two new members of Epsilon Upsilon Chapter at Columbia University during installation weekend—Oct. 17, 1986

of the activities the chapter participated in before and after their pledgship. Others included service projects, fraternity mixers, a kite fly and chapter dinners.

Epsilon Upsilon was begun almost two years before the members were pledged. A few Columbia women, in search of a means to enhance their college experience, expressed an interest in forming a second women's fraternity on the campus (Alpha Phi was the first to colonize at Columbia.) to the National Panhellenic Conference. The women were impressed with Theta's tradition of promoting high academic achievement, spirit of striving to reach full potential, and promise of a lifetime of fellowship.

The installation of Kappa Alpha Theta's 108th college chapter began Friday evening, October 17, with a loyalty service and reception. Chapter President Christine Jamgochian

opened gifts presented to the new chapter from Grand Council, the New York and Fairfield County alumnae chapters and the chapter's advisory and house corporation boards.

Initiation services were held Saturday morning at Riverside Church. The installation team included: Grand President Sue Supple; Grand Vice-President College Lil O'Rourke; Grand Vice-President Development Marian Paoletti; College District President Virginia Calvert; Alumnae District President Diane Scherer; Executive Director Marcia Bond; and Chapter Consultants Karen Rathgeber and Joan Hastings. Other special participants were: Former Grand Vice-President College Carol Brehman; Former Grand Vice-President Finance Carryl Krohne; Former Grand Council Member-at-Large Betty Lambert; Chapter Consultant Ann



Epsilon Upsilon charter members.

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The Windy City

University of Chicago

Theta's 111th chapter, Epsilon Phi, is causing the hottest reaction at the University of Chicago since the world's first self-sustained nuclear chain reaction, which took place on this campus 40 years ago.

The University of Chicago, known more for its academics than its social life, is an intense taste of the private college experience. The University has an academic undergraduate population of approximately 30,000—40 percent of which is female.

Kappa Alpha Theta, only the second women's fraternity to establish on the Chicago campus, provides an opportunity for female camaraderie, which is sometimes difficult to find at a university like this. New initiate Faye-Marie Morgan said, "I'm very excited about the way our group has come together to be exactly what I always wanted from Greek life; old friendships given a new, special meaning and new friendships with other amazing people I would never have otherwise known."

These friendships are with women who are involved in a myriad of activities. Epsilon Phi members include Navy ROTC trainees, prospective Olympic skiers, cheerleaders and varsity athletes. They are winning Truman Scholarships, editing for the campus newspaper and leading in student government. Also, in keeping with Theta's scholastic ideals, many members are on the Dean's List; the chapter grade point average is 3.3.

Epsilon Phi's installation weekend began November 7, 1986 with a loyalty service conducted by Grand President Sue Supple, Grand Vice-President Sue Blair-Sheets and



Epsilon Phi members at the University of Chicago reception held in honor of the new chapter, from left: Esta Spalding, Chrissie Wright, Andreana Turano, Renata Vairakojis, Carrie Levine, Liz de Grazia



University of Chicago Thetas Laurel Buerk, left, and Monica Casper at the chapter's loyalty service

Colleen Rouzer, college district president for District II. That night, the pledges met local alumnae, and collegians from the University of Wisconsin, who came to welcome the new chapter.

The installation team who initiated the women of Epsilon Phi on

November 8 included: Grand President Sue Supple; Grand Vice-President Finance Sue Blair-Sheets; College District President Colleen Rouzer; Alumnae District President Lyn Allison; College Regional Director Melanie Dowell; Central Office Associate Executive Director Nancy Frick; Central Office Director of College Services Betsy Sierk; and Tracy Modeer and Caroline Coleman, chapter consultants. The local installation chairman was Gail Emmitt, and Tau Chapter from Northwestern served as the assisting chapter.

The charter service and banquet were held at Hyde Park Hilton, where many parents and guests gathered to share in the celebration. The weekend culminated November 9 with a church service at Rockefeller Chapel, a model chapter meeting and a campus reception for

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Laubenheimer; and College District President Joyce Anne Vitelli. The assisting chapters were Chi/Syracuse and Iota/Cornell. Members from Epsilon Tau/Yale were also present. Special thanks go to the local installation committee, co-chaired by Maggie Means and Lesle Fouts, for the hard work that made the weekend possible.

Sue Supple presented the new chapter with their charter Saturday evening at Ferris Booth Hall. After the service, chapter members were joined by family and friends for an unforgettable banquet. Members of the installation team welcomed the chapter. The collegians showed their appreciation by presenting flowers and a slide show, and awarded outstanding sisters.

Final events on Sunday began with a church service and model chapter meeting. The weekend was

complete as Thetas received University officials and friends at a reception at Ferris Booth Hall.

Looking to the future with energy is typical of the Epsilon Upsilon women: Members are already preparing to join Alpha Phi's Colum-

bia chapter for the first women's rush on campus. Epsilon Upsilon is eager to share their new-found bond as they grow to build another strong link in Theta's chain.

Karen Rathgeber
Chapter Consultant

Epsilon Upsilon Charter Members

Laura Adams Austin, Texas	Jackie McCann Vineland, N.J.
Kristine Barakat West Roxbury, Mass.	Linda Najim Highland Hts., Ohio
Margie Chiu Culver City, Calif.	Lauren Nisonson Miami, Fla.
Brett Cohen Dallas, Texas	Kia Odorico Searington, N.Y.
Regina Ehrenzweig Stamford, Conn.	Donna Pacicca Purchase, N.Y.
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Valencia Gayles Oakland, Calif.	Michelle Rivera North Bergen, N.J.
Helaine Harte Livingston, N.J.	Heather Ruddock Washington, D.C.
Christine Jamgochian Palisades Park, N.J.	Emily Skopov Orangeburg, N.Y.
Dimitra Kessenides Norwood, N.J.	Emily Valiquette Brockton, Mass.
	Jenna Wright Rockville Centre, N.Y.
	Jodi Wu Jericho, N.Y.
	Elaine Zacharakis Tappan, N.Y.

Chicago Installation Continued

other members of the University to meet the new chapter.

The Epsilon Phi installation followed an educational pledgship, during which the women learned about one another and also learned how to work together on a variety of projects. Pledges raised money, with Alpha Delta Phi, for United Way with a dunk booth at the annual Summer Breeze Festival. They also conducted a canned-food drive and helped in a fund-raising campaign for the local Ronald McDonald House. Activities also included social interaction with other fraternities.

The new Epsilon Phi members learned about Theta love when the local alumnae enthusiastically took part in the chapter's Big/Little Sister Program. New initiate Stephanie Rada said, "So far, my expectations of the Fraternity have been exceeded. Not only have I formed a special bond with the women at my college, but with women from many other colleges in the U.S."

Mona ElNaggar
Epsilon Phi Editor

Tracy Modeer
Chapter Consultant

Epsilon Phi Charter Members

Carrie Betten Chicago, Ill.	Mary Knecht Ocean, N.J.
Ellen Brown Belfast, Md.	Susan Lapid Chicago, Ill.
Laurel Buerk Las Vegas, Nev.	Carrie Levine Pittsburgh, Pa.
Monica Casper Chicago, Ill.	Kristine McQuililam Newton, Kan.
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Shirley Chung Homewood, Ill.	Catherine Rafferty Washington, D.C.
Elizabeth deGrazia New York, N.Y.	Sarah Rotch Charlottesville, Va.
Stephanie Demas Mt. Desert, Maine	Heidi-Anne Sanquist Verona, N.J.
Maura Dickler Teaneck, N.J.	Zena Shuber Des Plaines, Ill.
Jacqueline Edelberg Shaker Heights, Ohio	Sapna Singh Flossmoor, Ill.
Mona El Naggar Munster, Ill.	Swati Singh Flossmoor, Ill.
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Dawn Farrel Elmhurst, Ill.	Margie Thomas Bowie, Md.
Bo Forbes Cambridge, Mass.	Andreana Turano Harwood Hts., Ill.
Beth Fulkerson Findlay, Ohio	Renata Variakojis Chicago, Ill.
Monica Ghosh Homewood, Ill.	Melissa Wagner Fairborn, Ohio
Elizabeth Handlin Chandler, Okla.	Christine Wright Mannford, Okla.
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Dorthea Israel Cape Girardeau, Mo.	
Mary Ann Kaline Berwyn, Ill.	



Above, Rho Chapter members at the University of Nebraska chapter house in 1902, and left, members of Pi Chapter at Albion.

College Chapters Celebrate Centennials

In 1887, just 17 years after the first chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was founded, five new chapters of the Fraternity were established: Omicron, Pi, Rho, Sigma and Tau. In 1987, all five chapters are celebrating with centennial activities ranging from kite flies and banquets to historical presentations.

Pi Chapter at Albion will recognize their centennial the weekend of March 19 through 22. The chapter was installed March 19, 1887; the first initiation took place at the home of one of the new members. After occupying two rooms of the fourth floor of Central Hall at the University, Pi built the first Kappa Alpha Theta lodge. All fraternity activity centered around the lodge and still does. The chapter will begin their weekend of centennial events with a brunch, followed by chapter house tours and a kite fly.

A dinner dance will conclude their celebration.

Omicron Chapter also will celebrate the weekend of March 19. The University of Southern California Chapter was originated in 1887 through the interest of Jennie Allen Bovard, the sixth initiate of Alpha Chapter. Bovard's husband was then president of USC. Omicron will host a celebratory open house from 12:30 to 5 p.m. March 22 at their newly decorated chapter house. They will present a video of their chapter history throughout the day.

Rho Chapter's first initiation was conducted in a hall of the Sigma Chi chapter house at the University of Nebraska in 1887. This year, the Rho members will celebrate their centennial April 10 through 12. The weekend's events, including a decade dinner at which members will

be seated by initiation decades, will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel. A slide show and awards presentation will follow the dinner.

Tau Chapter was the last of the five chapters to be installed in 1887. Members will celebrate May 8 through 10 on the Northwestern University campus. The weekend will begin with an excursion to downtown Chicago and will feature Northwestern's Wa Mu Variety show, followed by a banquet.

Although Sigma is no longer an active chapter at the University of Toronto, its members are. They recognized Sigma Chapter's centennial at their Founder's Day celebration January 24. Sigma Chapter, the first chapter of a women's fraternity in Canada, was active until July 19, 1941.

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Thetas who participated in the Semester at Sea program in 1985 included, (standing) from left: Alice Morgan, Martha D'Pool, Teresa Clarkson, Jennifer Ritter and (seated) from left: Monica Boyle Powell, Lesa Clarkson, Kristy McNamee, Penny Boyd.

Thetas spend Semester at Sea

After 100 days of sailing from one country to another during her Semester at Sea, Julie Walker, Gamma Upsilon, returned to the United States in December, 1985 and shared her adventure.

"I've really learned to appreciate things more," says Walker.

Walker's semester adventure began in September, 1985 when, as a junior at Miami University, she joined students and professors from across the country to set sail from Seattle. "The atmosphere was really relaxed and laid back," reports Walker. "I was closer to those people in three months than some people I've known for years."

Walker and other students enjoyed studying by the ship's pool when weather permitted, with professors nearby to answer questions. Walker says that classes weren't quite as difficult as they might normally be, because of travel interruptions. But, she says, "A hurricane before finals didn't help matters."

Shipboard curriculum was designed to take maximum advantage of the international travel. Many courses concentrated on political science, psychology and economics. When Walker returned from her journey, she changed her major to political science because she felt it was an area she could better relate to after her Semester at Sea classes.

When the ship was in port, Walker and her companions enjoyed class-oriented field trips. Although she appreciated each port experience, Walker says the time she spent in Egypt, Sri Lanka and India was especially valuable. But if she could return to any of the ports she says, "It would definitely be Japan."

Although Walker will never forget the experiences she had and the friends she made during her Semester at Sea, she reports that she did become a little homesick. "I was really excited to come back to America, we all were," Walker said in an interview for her school newspaper. "We played 'Born in the U.S.A.' (the song) and stayed up all night to see America!"

Dear Thetas,

Bon Voyage! Well, I'm off to the Orient, Greece, Turkey and Spain. No, I'm not running off to work for TWA, I'm going on a Semester at Sea, which promises to be the adventure of a lifetime.

Semester at Sea is a program in international studies, which allows students of every age to study academically as well as culturally in some of the most fascinating ports of the world.

I'll be cruising on an 18,000 ton Chinese-owned oceanliner appropriately named the S.S. Universe, which has been refurbished into a floating campus. Aboard will be a hodge-podge of students, scholars and seamen. All in all, there will be about 380 students and 21 professors from more than 130 different colleges and universities, as well as the Chinese crew. So it would seem that East meets West before the voyage starts!

The S.S. Universe docks at ten countries during the course of the semester. While at sea, classes meet six days a week, and while in port, there will be class-oriented field trips. Also, all classes on the ship pertain in some way to the countries visited.

Not only will I be studying by the book, but I will be able to see the people, eat what they eat, see where they live, and how their governments work. It's like hands-on experience in sociology, and I'll be receiving a full semester's credit from the University of Pittsburgh. I could never learn all this among the stone and ivy of a regular university.

Some ports of call include Kobe, Japan; Busan, Korea; Keelung, Taiwan; Hong Kong; Piraeus, Greece; Cadiz, Spain; Colombo, Sri Lanka; Bombay, India; Alexandria, Egypt; and Istanbul, Turkey.

I'm planning on riding on camels, learning the rumba from some tall, dark stranger, and eating with chopsticks. Maybe I'll get the village snake charmer to give me a ride on his flying carpet, or I might decide to move into the Taj Mahal. Who knows what the semester will bring!

In any event, I'm looking forward to sailing through next semester's studies on the beautiful S.S. Universe. Good-bye small town USA; hello great big new world. When I come home, I'll have hopefully learned a new appreciation for the luxury and opportunities of America.

But one thing is for sure, my understanding of the world will be enhanced and enlarged by exposure to the mystical, foreign ports of the East.

Wish me luck!

Caroline Pearce
Alpha

For more information about Semester at Sea, contact: Semester at Sea, 2 E. Forbes Quadrangle, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 15260; (800) 854-0195 or (412) 648-7490.

1986 Semester at Sea Theta participants were (front row) from left: Stephanie Erwin, Mary Demsey, Liz Shaw, Mary Lou Wright, Corie Wayburn and (back row) from left: Meg Elmore, Anne McFarland, Christina Filer, Ginger Huang, Tracy Cotton.





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Helen Morgan
Arizona 1921;
Mildred Cooke Cox (Mrs. William)
Butler 1926, September 1986
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U. of CA/Los Angeles 1942; September 1986
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Colorado 1966; April 1985
Helen Hayes Crawford
Colorado 1921; November 1986
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Colorado State 1931; January 1986
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Alletta Henderson Munz 1896-1986

Former Grand President Alletta Henderson Munz, died November 26, 1986 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the age of 90.

Munz, known to Thetas as "Letty," was elected Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta at the 1956 Grand Convention in Banff. Prior to her election she served a four-year term as the Fraternity Grand Treasurer. She was a district officer for the Fraternity before becoming a member of Grand Council in 1952.

Born September 23, 1896 in Bergen County, N.J., Munz was initiated into Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at Syracuse University in 1915. In 1918 she graduated with a degree in English. Munz worked for several years as New Jersey State Chairman and was a member of the New York Alumnae Chapter.

In 1919 she married H. Earl Munz. They later moved to Glen

Rock, N.J. and Munz became an active member of the Ridgewood Alumnae Club. In addition to her Theta activities, she was involved in the Ridgewood Choral, Ridgewood Woman's Club and the College Club of Ridgewood.

Predeceased by her husband and a son, Thomas Earl, Munz is survived by a Theta daughter, Mary-Anne Steinburg of Salt Lake City; two grandsons; three granddaughters; and three great-granddaughters.

An account of Munz, when she became Theta's new Grand President, in the Autumn 1956 issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* reads, "The hobbies she enjoys—singing, gardening and fishing—are going to be sadly neglected for the next few years, but Theta will thrive under her genial and friendly guidance. Fortunate we are that there are Thetas like her to serve on Grand Council."

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Taking Note

OF PEOPLE

Alumnae

Nancy Davies, Alpha Omicron/University of Oklahoma, was among eight Oklahomans to be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in November. She was honored for her outstanding work on behalf of civic, cultural and educational causes. Davies serves on the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma and the Board of Trustees of Phillips University. In addition, the Enid, Okla. resident has been a Camp Fire leader, a Cub Scout den mother, in the PTA and on the board of directors of Planned Parenthood. Her many honors include YWCA Woman of the Year, University of Oklahoma Alumnae Council Award and the IFC-Panhellenic Association Outstanding Alumna Award.



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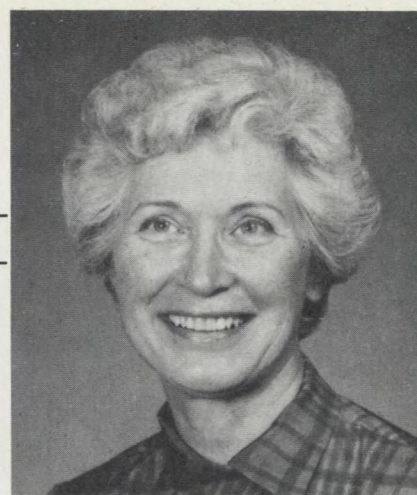
Julia Fleming Crowe, Beta, has joined the law firm of Locke Reynolds Boyd & Weisell as an associate attorney. She will be a member of the firm's litigation department. Crowe is a 1981 graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She was admitted to practice in Indiana in 1986.

Members of Beta Xi pledge classes from 1962 to 1968 gathered at the UCLA chapter house for a reunion.

Beta Xi alumna **Krista L. Jacobsen** was named an Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1985. The 1982 graduate of UCLA was honored for her outstanding ability, accomplishments and service to the community. Jacobsen is employed by Resource Dynamics Corporation, a McLean, Va. consulting firm.

Allison Farnsworth, Gamma Chi, has been appointed director of speaker relations for the 1987 Communications Week Task Force in May. She will be responsible for coordinating speakers and planning the Communications Week program at California State University, Fullerton.

The students of the **University of California at Los Angeles** had finished their finals and left for the summer, but it was back to school for some 40 Thetas June 28, 1986.



Nancy Davies

a Theta reunion and slumber party at the chapter house.

The party began with the "girls" signing in by the downstairs phone. They brought sleeping bags, pillows, photographs and \$5 to cover the next day's breakfast. Theta mailing lists were updated, programs distributed and the fun began! Pictures and letters from absent members were displayed on a bulletin board. A group photo was taken and the rest of the evening was spent enjoying dinner and talking.

After 20 years apart these Thetas had a lot of news to share! Voices were heard in rooms, on the stairs and in the living room far into the night as members renewed friendships and laughed about times past. And being together again in the chapter house made for a perfect weekend. Every Theta was given two black pencils tied in gold ribbon, which said "Theta Lady" as a souvenir. Over breakfast the next morning everyone agreed that we should do this again soon!

Antoinette "Toni" Rosell, Alpha Nu, was honored with the 1985 Distinguished Service Award from the

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Taking Note

Alumnae Continued

Montana Association for Counseling and Development. Rosell, a guidance counselor at Will James Junior High School in Billings, Mont., received the award for outstanding contributions to the counseling and guidance profession. She is currently serving as chairperson for the Governor's Advisory Council on Women in Employment and Services, and has been appointed to the Sex Equality Advisory Council. Rosell is a former legislator and one-time candidate for lieutenant governor.

DeLois Faulkner, Beta Zeta, founder of The Faulkner Center, an alcoholism and drug abuse treatment facility in Austin, Texas, re-

ceived The Dragonslayer Award in 1986 for her contribution to battling addictions. Although Faulkner sold the controlling interest in the Faulkner Center to Parkside Medical Services Corp. of Chicago, as a minority partner she works as the marketing and public relations director for the center. In this capacity she travels across the country speaking to corporations about their employee assistance programs.

Sandra Marsh, Gamma deuteron, formerly alumni and development coordinator for the College of Business at Ball State University, was appointed as special assistant to the president of the University in 1986. The new position involves coordinating the planning and implemen-

tation of all events and programs hosted by the president's office, as well as hosting University visitors and guests.

Marjorie S. Collier, Gamma Iota, has been elected the 1986-87 president of the Tullahoma Chapter of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers. In addition to her professional position, Collier has raised five children and is a former president of the League of Women Voters and the county historical society.

Constance Layman Hegstrom, Beta Gamma, the author of *The Great Pistachio Case*, was nominated for the 1986 *World Who's Who of Women* for the Pistachio story and for her other work concerning women.

A Closer Look . . . Beta Theta alumnae reminisce

How do you say farewell to your beloved Theta chapter? Last June, after Beta Theta Chapter at the University of Idaho was disbanded, Beta Theta alumnae spent a special weekend reminiscing and, once again, sharing the close bonds of sisterhood.

Thetas from Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California united for the wonderful weekend, which was planned by Mary Ellen Ripley Durant (1940) and Francis Swantek Abrams (1942). They were ably assisted by JoAnn Crites

Thompson (1941), chairman of the local committee, and the Moscow, Idaho alumnae.

Classes from the late '30s and early '40s were best represented at the reunion. Although most had never lived in the chapter house, they remembered their college days in the grey stone "castle" next door, which has belonged to Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity since 1968.

About 35 alumnae spent the weekend at the chapter house. Others came just for Saturday's activities, which included a luncheon and a video presentation by the University of Idaho recruiting director.

The Saturday evening banquet was festive. Especially fun was the fashion show in which Theta's 66 years at Idaho were relived by models wearing clothing popular

with collegians in the past six decades. Much of the '30s clothing came right from the wardrobe of Mary Bell Bennett Backlund (1936), the fashion show commentator. Three of the models in the show are daughters of Gertrude Axtell, the sponsor for the local Chi Delta Phi sorority, which became Kappa Alpha Theta, Idaho's fourth national sorority in 1920.

Beta Theta charter member Eunice Keller Merrill (1920) was a special guest at the banquet. Though her eyesight had dimmed, her memory was still very keen. This lovely woman has been very supportive of the chapter through the years.

When the memorable evening came to an end there were tears of hope, not despair. ". . . all that (was) light hearted and strong hearted in our festival, crowned their efforts and verified their dearest hopes."

Ellomae Holden DeMond
Beta Theta



At the Beta Theta reunion in Moscow, Idaho, from left: JoAnn Crite Thompson, Francis Swantik Abrams, Eunice Keller Merrill, Mary Ellen Ripley Durant

Collegians

Fun was brewing last Halloween when the **Beta Kappa Chapter** at Drake hosted their annual Halloween Party for the Des Moines-area alumnae and their children. Ghosts and goblins of all ages enjoyed games, special treats and the chance to go trick-or-treating door-to-door through the chapter house. The Halloween Party is an annual tradition for the Drake University Thetas and a great way to get alumnae and collegians together.

Ami Dady, Pi Chapter, made history last fall when the Sigma Chi Fraternity selected her as their 75th "sweetheart." The event held added importance because the famous song "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" was written at Albion College in 1911 when the first sweetheart was honored.

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Des Moines alumna with trick-or-treaters at Beta Kappa Chapter house



A Closer Look . . . Peg Richards

Peg Richards, 94-year-old alumna of Tau Chapter/Northwestern, was awarded a gold medal for winning a canoe race in the Golden Age Games in Sanford, Fla. last fall. It was the second year in a row that Richards received a gold medal in the Games, one of 40 qualifying events for the first United States National Senior Olympics.

Richards, who turned 94 in January, is a beloved member of the Daytona, Fla. alumnae group and recently received her 75-year pin. She has six Thetas in her immediate family, including her daughter, Margaret Murr, and sister, Mary Wilcox.—Deane Jordan, Reprinted from the Sanford Herald

After 93 years of buffeting by life, Peg was not about to let a strong breeze across her canoe's bow knock her out of a sprint Monday.

Though the canoe was turning like a weather vane, Peg twirled around in it and paddled from the front, ignoring two other canoes of rescuers. She met a round of applause from other Golden Age Games participants and spectators when she finished.

Margaret "Peg" Richards, of Enterprise, was pleased to learn she wasn't timed during her windy outing and gladly paddled the course again, turning in a time of 2:52 minutes. She picked up the gold medal in her age bracket in the canoe sprint, though she was the only competitor.

"I really wanted to do it again," she said after her second run. She said she paddles on Lake Monroe, but only when it's mirror smooth.

"Last year I did canoeing and the year before I did canoeing," she said.

The canoe sprint, and then an obstacle course, were set up on a small lake at Sanford Landings apartment complex in Sanford. The sprint involved canoeing about 200 feet, turning around a buoy just beyond a protected point, and paddling back.

When a strong southwest breeze caught canoeists as they cleared the point and pushed the keel-less canoes.



Peg Richards

Mrs. Richards was the first canoeist out and caught a strong gust. With her weight in the back end, the light front end of the canoe spun around.

Undaunted, Mrs. Richards, who had to be helped into the canoe, turned herself around and began paddling again, using the wind-pushed light end of the canoe to catch the wind thus keeping her heavier end into the wind.

She rounded the buoy and made it back, not needing people who went to "rescue" her from the breeze.

"I started canoeing when I was about 15," said Mrs. Richards, a great-grandmother who came with her husband James to Enterprise from Chicago in 1953. "My husband retired and I came along for the ride," she said. "It's lovely living down here."

She said she stays in pretty good shape by maintaining a flower garden of roses and hibiscus plants at her home which is on Lake Monroe. She also teaches canoeing to kids now and then.

Margaret Murr, Mrs. Richards daughter who lives in DeBary, said her mother has always been competitive and "likes to win."

She said her mother is a "passionate Democrat" and belongs to the area's Democrat Club.

"She sits in the front and fires questions at them. She's hip," Mrs. Murr said.

Mrs. Richards has four children, eleven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Taking Note

A Closer Look . . . Gamma Deltas with famous fathers

Last year, Gamma Delta Chapter of the University of Georgia was in the unique situation of being home to the daughters of three outstanding sports-figure fathers.

Denise Dooley, who graduated last year, is the daughter of Vince Dooley, the ultra-successful football coach and athletic director at the University of Georgia. She is the second of two Theta daughters. Nan Nicklaus, a sophomore at Georgia, is the daughter of Jack Nicklaus, the winner of more major golf tournaments than anyone in golf history. Nan also has a Theta mom. And Angela Tarkenton, a 1986 Georgia graduate, is the daughter of Fran Tarkenton, the long-time quarterback of the Minnesota Vikings and holder of several NFL records.

What's it like to be a Theta with a dad who's well-known in the world of sports?

Denise Dooley

Although Denise has a sister, Deanna, who is a Theta, she believes that the most motivating factor in choosing Theta was being treated as an individual rather than Deanna's little sister or Vince Dooley's daughter.

Denise says that growing up with a father who has had a long and successful career as head football coach and athletic director at UGA has been difficult at times, but the advantages have definitely outweighed the disadvantages. "The worst part was growing up in a town where everyone knew who you were and what you were doing," she says. "But because dad has had such a successful career, I have gotten to do many things and travel to many places that otherwise I wouldn't have been able to do."

Although there are times when negative comments follow a foot-

ball coach, Denise says she thinks that the media prints exactly what the people want to hear. "People generally like to find fault in each other, so the negative comments don't make me angry, they usually make me laugh," she says.

Denise has never been resentful of the demands her father's job has made on him. She says, "I've never known any different and the times dad's at home are always very special." One of the most exciting times in her father's career for Denise and her family, was the 1980 National Championship. Says Denise, "It's hard to explain the feeling of your dad leading a team to become number one in the nation!"



Gamma Deltas with famous fathers, from left: Denise Dooley, Nan Nicklaus, Angela Tarkenton

Nan Nicklaus

Like Denise Dooley, there is also another Theta in Nan's family: her mother. Although she knew her mom wanted her to be a Theta, Nan says she was very objective during rush. "Choosing Theta was for myself as well as for my mother!" says Nan. "It's neat to be able to talk to someone else about Theta's secrets besides my sisters here at school."

Nan is the only girl of five Nicklaus children. Although each of

them have pursued a particular sport (Nan played volleyball, soccer and softball.) she says there has never been any pressure on them to become serious golfers.

Of her famous father Nan says, "Even though he may have been away from home a lot, I have never resented his profession because the time he is home is always spent with us, either at our sports events or around the house."

Nan, who is majoring in furnishing and interiors, hopes to get a job near Atlanta or Florida. "After I have some experience, I hope to work for my dad," she says. "He is always building golf courses that have club houses that need to be designed."

Angela Tarkenton

Angela chose to be a Theta because she thought the girls were wonderful, and she felt right at home. But learning to feel at home in a new place wasn't new for her. Angela says that some of the most interesting aspects of growing up in the Tarkenton household were living in different places, particularly, Minnesota, Connecticut and New Jersey.

Growing up with a famous football father didn't seem to bother her either. "He was away less than a lot of fathers. We moved with him to Connecticut and Minnesota during the football season so he was only gone for away-games," Angela said.

The whole Tarkenton family is involved in sports, especially running. Angela also enjoys tennis and has a younger brother who plays baseball and basketball.

After graduation last year, Angela was married, and accepted a job with First National Bank of Atlanta in the management development program.

A Closer Look . . . Gamma Tau meets Rue McClanahan

Gamma Tau Chapter members at the University of Tulsa had the pleasure of meeting well-known alumna Rue McClanahan last October. McClanahan, who currently plays "Blanche" on the hit television series "The Golden Girls," pledged Theta her freshman year at the University of Tulsa.

Twelve Gamma Tau collegians and Fraternity Education Adviser Lillian Cobb met with McClanahan at a small reception. The chapter members brought a Theta scrapbook filled with photos from the time McClanahan was in school. She recognized many of her pledge sisters—and even one of her fiancés!

McClanahan reminisced about her college years, recalling that she decided to pledge Theta because it

was the new sorority on campus. Despite the Thetas' disadvantage of not yet having a chapter house in which to entertain rushees, McClanahan says she thought the young women were exciting and that the chapter held promise.

One of her favorite memories was an annual campus event called Varsity Night, a mini-theater production contest in which musicals or plays were produced and performed by campus organizations. While a collegian, McClanahan wrote and choreographed the productions for the chapter. Kappa Alpha Theta placed first at Varsity Night all four years that McClanahan was at Tulsa.

Before she left, the Gamma Tau collegians presented McClanahan with a colorful kite mobile and



Gamma Tau collegians pose with actress and alumna Rue McClanahan.

shared Theta songs with their famous alumna.

Amy Schwartz
Gamma Tau Chapter Editor

Collegians Continued

Delta Theta Chapter got a tug on their heartstrings when they co-hosted a field day for underprivileged children. The University of Florida Thetas got together with the Delta Tau Delta Chapter for a day of fun and games including tug-of-war, the three-legged race, dodge ball and a specially constructed obstacle course. It was a day of fun for the kids, and a day of special sister and brotherhood for the Greeks. Delta Theta Chapter is looking forward to other service projects as well. They have already planned a project to clean up and rejuvenate a local church, as well as raising money by participating in other Greek philanthropic efforts.

Margot Rogers, Delta Zeta, was awarded the honorary Truman Scholarship last fall. This prestigious award, started by President Truman, provides up to \$10,000 a year for college students studying in areas of public service. After extensive interviews, Rogers was chosen from a group of thousands of applicants as one of the nation's 100 winners. Rogers plans to attend law school with the assistance of the scholarship.

Delta Theta collegians pay tug-of-war with children at the field day the chapter sponsored with Delta Tau Delta.

OF NEWS

Gamma Mu Chapter, at the University of Maryland will celebrate its 40th anniversary Saturday, April 11. Festivities will include a reception at the chapter house, followed by a luncheon and fashion show. The cost of the event is \$20. For more information or to make reservations, contact Diane Sausser, 1505 Leister Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20904.

April 17, 1987 marks the **90th birthday of Christine Ward Alford** and her 71st year of membership in Kappa Alpha Theta. An initiate of Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Washburn College, she was president of

her chapter and has been a promoter of the best interests of Theta throughout her life. She passed her enthusiasm for Theta on to her daughter, Mary Alford Adams, Kappa Chapter and two granddaughters, Tina Adams Hille and Nancy Adams Roberts, both of Rho Chapter. Kappa Chapter alumnae who were at Kansas University from 1947 to 1951 will fondly remember Mrs. Alford as their housemother. Alford is now living in Clark Jary Memorial Manor, 1313 Eldon Drive, Lincoln, NE 68510, close to the homes of her daughter and granddaughters. She enjoys good health and still possesses her sense of humor and energy.





Foundation and Fraternity work together

"Without the financial commitment from the Foundation, many of the quality services and programs afforded members of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity could no longer be provided," said Grand President Sue Supple while presenting the Fraternity's 1986-87 grant requests.

And the Foundation's financial commitment continues: At a meeting of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, held in October in Wichita, Kan., the board of trustees approved a grant of \$254,826 to support the educational programs of the Fraternity. This represents an increase of nearly \$125,000 more than last year's grant and allows for the continuation and expansion of many vital programs, as well as the addition of several new programs.

The Foundation, created by the Fraternity more than 25 years ago, exists to fulfill the educational and charitable aims of the Fraternity. This is made possible by the essence of sisterhood, the desire to help each other. Your generous contributions, made during last year's annual fund drive, have enabled the Foundation and the Fraternity to work together to make the following programs a reality for 1986-87:



\$90,000	Leadership Conference 1987, Lawrence, Kan. To provide a national seminar for dissemination of educational information regarding a specific program area of the Fraternity.
\$81,000	Chapter Consultant Program To provide ongoing education and training for college chapter officers, advisory and house corporation board personnel and alumnae group members, through annual visitation by chapter consultants.
\$24,000	Video Series To develop a library of professionally produced videos to be used in extension, by college chapters and by alumnae groups.
\$12,051	Chapter Financial System (CFS) To implement the pilot program for conversion to CFS in 11 college chapters as well as to provide computer equipment for undergraduates for scholastic endeavors.
\$10,000	"Balanced Woman Series" To provide college and alumnae chapter members with educational resource pamphlets dealing with topics pertinent to today's women.
\$10,000	Leadership Development To provide leadership skills to national Fraternity officers, Theta Greek advisers and Theta Panhellenic presidents through attendance at regional NPC meetings and other educational conferences.
\$ 7,500	Alumnae District President Program To provide continued education of our alumnae chapters and clubs in the areas of philanthropic and charitable activities by alumnae district officers of the Fraternity.
\$ 6,000	Foundation/Fraternity Joint Board Meeting To increase the understanding and awareness levels of Foundation trustees and Fraternity council members as to each other's roles and responsibilities in their service to Kappa Alpha Theta.
\$ 5,000	Area Management Training Seminars: Recruitment Skills To provide recruitment training for alumnae rush personnel and college chapter members in areas specifically needing assistance.
\$ 4,000	Archives Program To provide financial resources for the Archives program in the organization and preservation of historical material, and the development of the Archives as a resource for historians studying the changing role of women.
\$ 2,775	Fraternity Educational Expenses Study To define the total amount of educational expenses within the Fraternity budget in order to determine the amount of Foundation grants and Fraternity set-asides that can be used.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA FOUNDATION



Foundation trustees toured the Institute of Logopedics last October, from left: Harriet Darley Damisch, Gwynn Geiger Mannes, Sue Farrell Supple, Marjorie Crane Schnacke, Anne Burr Saliers, Carryl Wischmeyer Krohne.

Foundation visits Logopedics

The Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kan., was the site of a Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation trustee meeting held October 23-26. The weekend presented an opportunity to introduce the Institute's programs and facilities to new trustees, and acquaint those continuing their term.

The Institute of Logopedics provides special education and therapies for children with disabilities. Since 1934, the Institute has served more than 50,000 children and adults. Kappa Alpha Theta has been a patron supporter of the In-

stitute, with more than \$1,000,000 donated since 1946 when it was adopted as the Fraternity's national philanthropy.

Dr. Bill Gavin, Research Division Director, gave a presentation on the development of the vocoder, a vibrotactile communication aid for the hearing impaired. Trustees also toured the Institute, including the research lab, classrooms, the audiology testing center and Theta Court (a group of apartments providing homes for 16 students and child care workers).

The Institute, accredited by the

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, is currently serving 45 full-time patients and 150 day-care patients. All residents of the Institute are from out of state. A decrease in enrollment in recent years has resulted from "The Education of All Handicapped Children's Act" of 1975, mandating all school districts to provide free and appropriate education for every handicapped child. In other words, federal dollars are not as available to support the high cost of a child's care at the Institute.

A grant of \$55,000 was approved by the board of trustees, and presented to President Frank R. Kleffner by Foundation President Marjorie Crane Schnacke. The funds will support scholarship assistance, research and maintenance of Theta Court.

In other business, the trustees voted to grant \$254,826 to support the Fraternity's educational programs. (See "Working Together" on page 44.)

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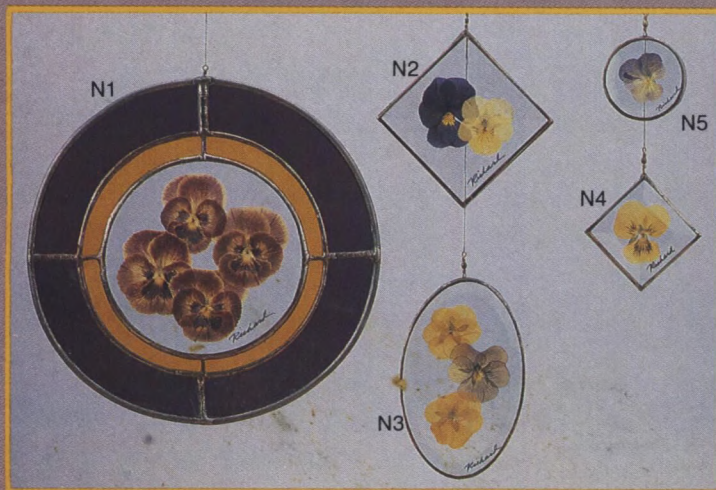
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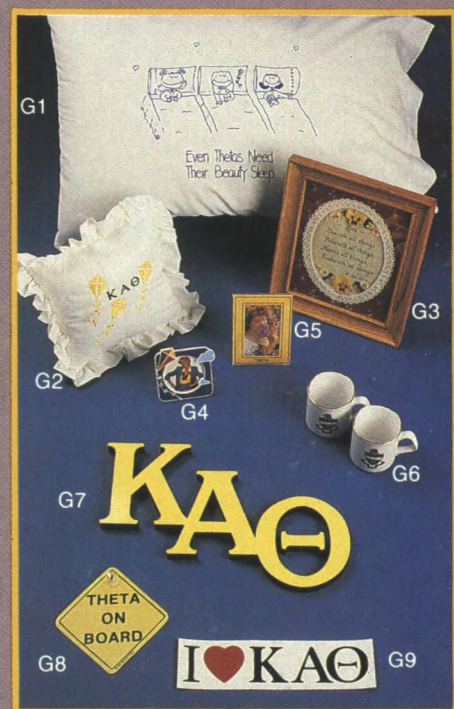
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